ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIRST
ANNUAL CONCLAVE

1954

Harrie M Taft

SIR KNIGHT HARRIE MOFFET TAFT
(Past Grand Commander)

Sir Knight Harrie M. Taft was born in Providence, Rhode Island, on December 25, 1876; the son of John Henry Taft and Susie J. King.

He was educated in the Public Schools in Providence, Rhode Island.

He was married on December [illegible] to Cora Louise Baston.

He is a retired Locomotive Engineer of the N.Y.N.H. and Hartford Railroad.

Sir Knight Taft was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Nestell Lodge No. [illegible], Providence, Rhode Island, March 13, 1913.

Capitular Masonry

He was *Exalted* in Providence Chapter No. [illegible], Providence, R. I., April 16, 1914.

Cryptic Masonry

He was *Greeted* in Providence Council No. [illegible], Providence, R. I., June 12, 1914. He was elected Illustrious Master in [illegible] 1946.

Chivalric Masonry

He was *Knighted* in Calvary Commandery No. [illegible], Providence, Rhode Island, March [illegible] and served in the [illegible] of that Commandery and was elected Commander of Calvary Commandery No. 13, in [illegible].

Grand Commandery

He was appointed an officer in the Grand Commandery [illegible] of Massachusetts and Rhode Island [illegible] on October 27, 1943, and he was [illegible] Commander on October [illegible].

He is a Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery [illegible] of the State of West Virginia [illegible].

Scottish Rite

He became a member of [illegible] Providence on June 23, [illegible] Jerusalem 16° Sept. 20, [illegible] October 27, 1920 and [illegible] Providence, R.I., Dec. [illegible].

Shrine

He is a member of Palestine Temple A.A.O.N. [illegible], Providence, Rhode Island, and has served many years in the Command Units of that Temple. He holds membership in [illegible] Masonic Organizations, and Honorable Membership in Eight Commanderies in this Jurisdiction.

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Capitular Masonry

He was *Exalted* in Providence Chapter No. 1, Providence, R. I., April 16, 1914.

Cryptic Masonry

He was *Greeted* in Providence Council No. 1, Providence, R. I., June 12, 1914. He was elected Illustrious Master on January 11, 1946.

Chivalric Masonry

He was *Knighted* in Calvary Commandery No. 13, Providence, Rhode Island, March 13, 1920 and served in the several offices of that Commandery and was elected Commander of Calvary Commandery No. 13, in 1939.

Grand Commandery

He was appointed an officer in the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island by R∴E∴ George B. Sampson, on October 27, 1943, and he was honored by being elected Grand Commander on October 31, 1953.

He is a Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of West Virginia near this Grand Jurisdiction.

Scottish Rite

He became a member of Solomon Lodge of Perfection 14° Providence on June 23, 1920, Rhode Island Council Princes of Jerusalem 16° Sept. 20, 1920, Rhode Island Chapter of Rose Croix 18° October 27, 1920 and Rhode Island Consistory S.P.R.S. 32° Providence, R.I., Dec. 22, 1920.

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He is a member of Palestine Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Providence, Rhode Island, and has served many years in the Uniformed Units of that Temple. He holds membership in several other Masonic Organizations, and Honorable Membership in Eight Commanderies in this Jurisdiction.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

AND

THE APPENDANT ORDERS

OF

MASSACHUSETTS *and* RHODE ISLAND

for the YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 30, 1954

HARRIE M. TAFT, *Grand Commander*

October 31, 1953 to October 30, 1954

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*

Boston, Massachusetts

1954

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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

AT THE

148TH SEMI-ANNUAL CONCLAVE

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, MAY 15, 1954

A constitutional number of Commanderies being represented the 148th Semi-Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island reconvened this fifteenth day of May 1954 at the Masonic Temple, Providence, Rhode Island at 11:00 A.M. for the transaction of such business as may regularly come before it. Sir Knight Harrie M. Taft, Right Eminent Grand Commander presided.

Sir Knights were led in their devotions by our Associate Grand Prelate, Eminent Sir Frank B. Crandall.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS PRESENT

Sir Kt. HARRIE M. TAFT . . . . . *R.E. Grand Commander*
Sir Kt. KENNETH H. EARLE . . . . . *V.E. Deputy Grand Commander*
Sir Kt. MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER . . . . . *E. Grand Generalissimo*
Sir Kt. THOMAS A. BOOTH . . . . . *E. Grand Captain General*
Sir Kt. DWIGHT C. PAGE . . . . . *E. Grand Senior Warden*
Sir Kt. ALFRED C. BLAKE . . . . . *E. Grand Junior Warden*
Sir Kt. FRANK B. CRANDALL . . . . . *E. Associate Grand Prelate*
Sir Kt. T. FREDERICK MARSHALL . . . . . *Associate Grand Prelate*
Sir Kt. OTIS L. MASON . . . . . *E. Associate Grand Prelate*
Sir Kt. A. KENNETH MARTIN . . . . . *R.E. Grand Treasurer*
Sir Kt. GEORGE A. WEEKS . . . . . *R.E. Grand Recorder*
Sir Kt. ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY . . . . . *E. Grand Standard Bearer*
Sir Kt. CLARENCE E. BOOTH . . . . . *E. Grand Sword Bearer*
Sir Kt. JAMES B. HENRY . . . . . *E. Grand Warder*
Sir Kt. RAYMOND L. HALL . . . . . *E. Grand Captain of the Guard*
Sir Kt. CLARENCE R. DAVIS . . . . . *E. Grand Sentinel*
Sir Kt. WILLIAM F. CLARK . . . . . *E. Grand Division Commander*
Sir Kt. RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS . . . . . *E. Grand Division Commander*
Sir Kt. WILLIAM F. WEST . . . . . *E. Grand Division Commander*
Sir Kt. CLYDE L. CARTER . . . . . *E. Inspector Instructor*

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT

R∴E∴SIR JOHN E. RINES
R∴E∴SIR GEORGE B. SAMPSON
R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS
R∴E∴SIR A. KENNETH MARTIN

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS PRESENT

Alabama	E∴Sir William Turner
Arizona	R∴E∴Sir Frederic Kennedy
Arkansas	E∴Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder
Colorado	E∴Sir Robert E. Powell
Florida	E∴Sir Harry E. Kenison
Georgia	E∴Sir James R. Hooper
Illinois	E∴Sir Gardiner R. P. Barker
Kentucky	E∴Sir Harold L. Burr
Michigan	E∴Sir William F. Clark
Mississippi	E∴Sir Clyde L. Carter
Montana	E∴Sir Alfred C. Blake
New Hampshire	R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines
North Carolina	E∴Sir James B. Henry
Ohio	R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks
Oklahoma	E∴Sir Everett B. Byles
Pennsylvania	R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin
South Dakota	E∴Sir Herbert Y. Follett
Utah	E∴Sir John J. Mick
Virginia	E∴Sir Clarence R. Davis

Total number of Sir Knights present was 104 representing 36 Commanderies. Grand Representatives present 19.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Sir Kt. Norris G. Abbott, Jr., Illustrious Deputy for the State of Rhode Island for the Supreme Council Scottish Rite 33°

Sir Kt. Alfred E. Grant, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of the State of Rhode Island

Letters of regret were read from:

Sir Kt. Kenneth Craik, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Sir Kt. Carl R. Mitchell, Illustrious Potentate of Palestine Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Providence, Rhode Island

SEMI-ANNUAL ADDRESS

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

It is not only my privilege, but a great pleasure to welcome you to the 148th Semi-Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery. It is my sincere desire that each and everyone of you may enjoy the informality of this Conclave and the associations with your Fraters, and, that you enjoy the luncheon and afternoon entertainment which has been prepared by the Past Commanders' Association for your pleasure to be held at the Wannamoisett Country Club following the adjournment of this Conclave.

It is also an inspiration to me to be able to officially receive the Presiding Grand Officers of both the York and Scottish Rites of the State of Rhode Island. It is a significant privilege to have the honor of extending to you a warm and cordial welcome to our Conclave. I assure you of the continued cooperation, assistance, work and effort on behalf of Templary and Christian Virtues in our jurisdiction.

It is a pleasure for us to again meet in Freemasons' Hall in the City of Providence, where 149 years ago this month, this Grand Commandery was organized and founded by Sir Knight, Thomas Smith Webb — a great Mason, historian, and writer of Masonic Ritual.

The exact date of our organization as a Grand Commandery was May 6, 1805, and from this small group of Templars — Templary has spread so that today it is one of the strongest semi-military Christian organizations in the Western Hemisphere.

It is not my purpose today to make a full report on my administration of the affairs of Grand Commandery from October 31, 1953 to the present time as it is my intention to make a complete report at the Annual Conclave on October 30, 1954.

MEMBERSHIP

My objective for petitions for the year was 1,000 with a total knighting of 800. It is necessary that we have that number of knightings in order to show a Net Gain over deaths, demits, suspensions, and to meet the expenses as set-up in our Budget by the Finance Committee and adopted by this Grand Commandery on October 31, 1953.

Our Membership Committee has adopted the slogan: "Knight Every Petitioner." Our total petitions received as of May first are 625 which is an increase of 14 over last year, but still many short of our quota with only one and one half months left in our Commandery Year which ends June 30th. Let each one of us get busy and get that Chapter friend signed up, teach him that Templary is the New Testament of Masonry.

INSPECTIONS

Work at Inspections has been gratifying, we have had a good attendance of Sir Knights, Visitors and Suites at all Inspections held so far this year. The final figures have not been tabulated as all the reports are not in and Washington Commandery No. 4 will not hold their Inspection until Wednesday, May 19th.

I am pleased to state that every Commandery cooperated with Grand Commandery 100% in trying to hold their Inspections on the dates assigned and many times under adverse conditions and inclement weather. As we near the end of the Inspection year, I can state that I have received the finest cooperation that any Grand Commander could possibly hope to attain.

CONCLUSION

I have attempted, during my year as Grand Commander, to conduct the affairs of Grand Commandery on a business basis, and have traveled many miles in the interest of Templary. I have given of my time willingly and have tried to prove that Templar Friendship is more needed today than at any time in the Past. It is beyond human endeavor to thank personally all of the faithful workers, so realize without reservations or doubt that the great services you have performed are appreciated, and are a consolation when it is remembered that what you do for others survives and lives on in the next generation of Sir Knights.

And now, Sir Knights, we will proceed with the business of this Conclave, asking divine guidance and pray that all our considerations be congenial and profitable thus assuring Templary, in this jurisdiction, of the continued progress and success which it has enjoyed during the past 150 years.

Courteously submitted,

HARRIE M. TAFT,
Grand Commander

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

May 6, 1954

To the Officers and Members of Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The following Amendments to By-Laws of constituent Commanderies have been approved by the Grand Commandery during the recess of the Grand Commandery and are now subject to review by the Grand Commandery:

1. Proposed amendment to By-Laws of Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34, K.T., amending Article VIII, Sec. 1, Article II, Sec. 1, Article IV, Sec. 3, Article VII, Sec. 1, 3, Article VIII, Sec. 2, Article X, Sec. 1, Article X, Sec. 2, Article XV, Sec. 1, copies of which are hereto annexed.
2. Proposed amendment to By-Laws of Saint John's Commandery No. 1, K.T., amending Article II, Sec. 1, a copy of which is hereto annexed.
3. Proposed amendment to By-Laws of Springfield Commandery, No. 6, amending Article XI, Sec. 1, a copy of which is hereto annexed.
4. Proposed amendment to By-Laws of Narragansett Commandery, No. 27, amending Article I, Sec. 1, a copy of which is hereto annexed.

All of the above amendments have been approved by your Committee.

Courteously submitted,

LOUIS L. GREEN
Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee

COEUR de LION COMMANDERY, No. 34, K.T.
Charlestown, Massachusetts

Amendments to the By-Laws

At the Regular Conclave of Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34, held Tuesday, February 16, 1954, the following amendments to the By-Laws of Coeur de Lion Commandery were unanimously adopted.

Article IV, Section 3 — 22nd Line. Omit "He shall report on or before the first day of September annually." Substitute therefor "He shall annually report as required by the Grand Commandery."

Article VII, Section 1 — 11th Line. Omit "and shall also be accompanied by a deposit of a sufficient sum to cover the cost of the regalia of the Commandery as specified in Article XV of these By-Laws under the title of Regalia which shall be provided the candidate after he shall have received the Order of the Red Cross, and no application for the Orders shall be received by this Commandery unless accompanied by such deposit." Last line Section 1. Omit "and deposit." Last paragraph of Article VII, Section 1, as amended, to read: "Such application must be accompanied by the required fee for the Orders. If the applicant should be rejected, the fee shall be returned to him."

Article VII, Section 3 — Omit.

Article VIII, Section 2 — Omit last three lines as follows: "which must be accompanied in all cases by a deposit of a sufficient amount to cover the cost of the Regalia of the Commandery."

Article X, Section 1 — Add after Knighted, the words "or affiliated."

Article X, Section 2 — Omit last nine words as follows: "and provided himself with the uniform of this Commandery."

Article XV, Section 1 — Add paragraph as follows: "All officers and guards participating in the work shall wear the required Commandery dress and regalia."

ATTEST

CARROLL H. TIFFANY
Recorder

February 16, 1954

Approved:

SAINT JOHN'S COMMANDERY, No. 1, K.T.

April 6, 1954

R.∴E.∴ GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder
205 Masonic Temple
Boston 16, Mass.

Last night at our Stated April Conclave a vote was taken to amend our By-Laws to read as follows:

Amend Article 11, Section 1, Officers.

"The Officers of the Commandery shall be chosen annually at the Annual Stated Conclave in June, and the Officers shall be installed as soon as may be practicable, and shall retain their office until their successors have been installed."

Members present entitled to vote 51
Members voting in favor of amendment 40
Members voting not in favor of amendment 11

Our By-Laws as per Article VII, require that two-thirds of the members present vote in favor of such an amendment in order for it to pass. More than the required members present voted in favor and it was passed. We therefore ask that the Jurisprudence Committee of Grand Commandery approve the same so that it can become effective at once. This would allow officers who must turn in reports time to get them made up to be read at our June Conclave.

Yours truly,

LESTER S. DAVIS
Commander
Saint John's Commandery, No. 1, K.T.

SPRINGFIELD COMMANDERY, No. 6, K.T.
Springfield, Massachusetts

11 Woodlawn Place
Longmeadow 6, Mass.
April 13, 1954

Eminent and dear Grand Recorder:

I wish to inform you that the proposed change in the By-Laws, to eliminate the "Apron" as printed in the April Calendar was voted on at our Stated Conclave.

The Sir Knights voted *in favor* to *eliminate* the "Apron," and the new Section shall read as follows:

Article XI, Section 1.

The full dress uniform of members of this Commandery, shall be black frock coat, black trousers, black shoes and stockings, buff gauntlets, (White Gloves for the Asylum) with baldric, black belt, standing white collar, and chapeau with White Plume, all in strict accordance with the uniform as at present required at the time of its adoption.

I understand this will be referred to the Jurisprudence committee and wonder if this amendment will be voted upon at the Semi-Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery in May.

Courteously yours,

HAROLD G. RANSOM
Recorder

NARRAGANSETT COMMANDERY, No. 27, K.T.
Westerly, Rhode Island

April 26, 1954

Rt. Eminent and Dear Sir:

At a stated conclave of Narragansett Commandery held on April 7,1954, it was voted:

"That there be added to Article I, Section 2 of the By-Laws of this Commandery the following: The Annual Conclaves of this Commandery shall be held on the first Wednesday in June of each year and that the words 'in October' be deleted from Article III, Section 1."

This change in the By-Laws is submitted for approval.

Courteously yours,

DONALD W. KENNETH
Recorder

COEUR de LION COMMANDERY, No. 34, K.T.
Charlestown District, Boston, Mass.

At the regular Conclave on March 20, 1951 the following amendment to the By-Laws of Coeur de Lion Commandery having been duly presented, was unanimously approved. Amend Article VIII, Section 1 to read: "All fees and dues are payable in advance, provided that at least Thirty Dollars ($30.00) shall be paid before the Red Cross is conferred and the balance before the Order of the Temple is conferred, and provided further that if the balance is not paid within twelve months from the date of the original application, a new ballot must be taken in the regular manner to confirm the application."

ATTEST

CARROLL H. TIFFANY
Recorder

COEUR de LION COMMANDERY, No. 34, K.T.
Charlestown District, Boston, Mass.

At a regular Conclave on March 17, 1953 the following amendment to the By-Laws of Coeur de Lion Commandery, having been duly presented, was unanimously approved. Amend Article II, Section 1 by striking out the words (at 5:45 o'clock P.M.) and substituting therefor the words "at such time as the Commander shall appoint." The Section to read — Article II, Section 1. The stated conclaves of the Commandery shall be held on the third Tuesday in each month at such time as the Commander shall appoint. The conclaves in July and August may be omitted by vote of the Commandery. Special conclaves may be called by the Commander, but no business shall be transacted other than the conferring of the orders, except that specified in the notice or summons.

ATTEST

CARROLL H. TIFFANY
Recorder

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

May 15, 1954

To the Officers and Members of Grand Commandery:

Sir Knights:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations wishes to report that there was no business and the Committee makes a progressive report.

Courteously yours,

HAROLD S. CROCKER, *Chairman*
FRANK H. WILSON
GEORGE B. SAMPSON

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND GOOD CHEER

May 15, 1954

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T.

Sir Knights:

Your Committee reports its activities for 1953-1954 as follows:

Under date of November 2, 1953, Official Order No. 1 was sent out by your Grand Commander, Sir Knight Harrie M. Taft, containing the usual appeal for the Christmas Collection of Funds for the needy poor:

> *"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."*
> –(Galatians 6–10)

A summary of the contributions and report on the Christmas Offering and Good Cheer was sent out by our Grand Commander under date of April 1, 1954, Official Order No. 3, which showed that $8,712.47 was collected from the Sir Knights of our Constituent Commanderies which is still short of our Quota of $1.00 for each Sir Knight.

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Chairman*
DONALD W. KENNETH
HERBERT Y. FOLLETT
WILLIAM H. MILLER
LESLIE V. RICHARDS

REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Boston, Mass., May 15, 1954

To the Officers and Members of Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation Committee Division of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island submit this their Annual Report:

The year ending December 31, 1953 was a most successful one as regards to loans and collections.

Your Committee approved 113 loans (with 6 held over for the 1954 college year semesters) consisting of loans made to 86 young men and 27 young women, making a total loan of $43,342.50. So far this year (1954) we have granted 30 loans.

Every young man or young woman desirous of completing their college education through their junior and senior years of college or loans for vocational, professional training, advanced degree study or post graduate work, may be granted to them upon approval of the majority of our Division Committee. About fifty percent of all students who enter college drop out in the first two years of study because of academic failure or of finances. To safeguard this Trust Fund, the Committee has been reluctant to make loans to freshman and sophomores.

We have had the hearty cooperation from the Deans and Officers of our Educational Institutions, and to mention a few: Deans Emery and Kelly of Tufts; Mr. James, Bursar of Boston University; Dean Petrie of Mass. Institute of Technology; Mr. Lehman, Treasurer of New England Conservatory of Music; and Dean Melvin of Northeastern University and many others have been of great assistance to your Division Committee.

We are truly grateful to all who have assisted us in any way.

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Secretary

Committee

CLARENCE DAVIS, *Chairman* — RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS

HAROLD W. SPRAGUE, P.G.C. — S. KENNETH SKOLFIELD

FRANK B. ELLS — A. KENNETH MARTIN, P.G.C., *Treas.*

EXHIBIT A

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1953

ASSETS

Cash in Bank and On Hand		$ 8,534.37
Cash—In Massachusetts Savings Banks		
Salem Savings Bank #65125	$ 2,000.00	
South Boston Savings Bank #190286	3,000.00	
Weymouth Savings Bank #45345	5,078.53	10,078.53
U. S. Savings Bonds (At Cost)		60,000.00
Notes Receivable:		
Student Loans—Current	$151,931.67	
Uncollectible	3,436.08	
Doubtful	3,827.12	159,194.87
Office Equipment		105.13
Inventory—Stationery		53.30
Total		$237,966.20

LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL

Withholding Tax Payable	$ 120.90	
Social Security Tax Payable	31.61	
Accrued Expense	408.75	
Due Grand Encampment Comm. on Educational Found.	355.36	$ 916.62
Reserve for Unpaid Interest		1,426.09
Principal Account (Exhibit "C")		235,623.49
Total		$237,966.20

NOTE: The Reserve of $10,814.00 held in the Grand Commandery General Fund is not included above. It consists of $5,000.00 U. S. Savings Bond and $5,814.00 in the Boston Penny Savings Bank.

EXHIBIT B

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT

For Year Ended December 31, 1953

INCOME

Service Charges Received	$ 4,604.17	
Interest on Savings Bank Accounts	302.34	
Interest on Government Bonds	1,937.50	
Interest on Reserve Fund	263.09	
Total Income		$ 7,107.10

EXPENSE

Salaries	$ 3,914.00	
Rent and Light	723.40	
Printing and Stationery	39.70	
Auditing Expense	260.00	
Trustees' Expense	22.85	
Telephone and Office Supplies	214.31	
General Expense	61.80	
Retail Credit Reports	270.85	
Depreciation	62.73	
Bonding and Insurance	204.50	
Collection Fees	460.40	
Loss on Sale of Bonds	555.00	
Grand Encampment Expense	355.36	
Social Security Tax	58.33	
Interest	130.55	
Total Expense		7,333.78
Excess of Expense for Year (Exhibit "C")		$ *226.68*

EXHIBIT C

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT
For Year Ended December 31, 1953

January 1, 1953 Balance		$237,113.57
Deduct:		
Accounts written off by Authorization of Grand Encampment and by compromise settlement	$ 1,263.40	
Excess of Expense for Year Ended December 31, 1953 (Exhibit "B")	226.68	1,490.08
December 31, 1953 Balance		$235,623.49

EXHIBIT D

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
SUMMARY OF STUDENTS' LOANS
For Year Ended December 31, 1953

January 1, 1953 Balance			$147,107.84
Add:			
Loans made during year		$ 43,342.50	
Service Charges for 1953	$ 4,510.59		
(Less—Allowances)	294.92	4,215.67	47,558.17
			$194,666.01

Deduct:		
Cash Received	$ 34,170.63	
Allowances—Principal	1,300.51	35,471.14
December 31, 1953 Balance		$159,194.87
Consisting of		
Balances of Loans (Principal)		$157,768.78
Unpaid Service Charges		1,426.09
		$159,194.87

February 4, 1954

Educational Committee Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with instructions, I have examined the books and records of the Educational Foundation, Division of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, for the year ended December 31, 1953, and submit in the appended exhibits the result of operations during the past year and the state of the Fund as at December 31, 1953.

The Exhibits are as follows:

Exhibit A — Balance Sheet as of December 31, 1953.

Exhibit B — Income and Expense Statement for Year Ended December 31, 1953.

Exhibit C — Principal Account for Year Ended December 31, 1953.

Exhibit D — Summary of Student Loans for Year Ended December 31, 1953.

The following comments are made relative to the work performed.

CASH

The cash in the checking account and in the various savings bank accounts has been confirmed by certificate from the depositaries. The various savings bank books in the safe deposit box were examined and checked with the confirmations. Deposits, warrants, and cancelled checks were verified.

GOVERNMENT BONDS

Four $5,000 bonds were sold in 1953, all other bonds were examined and verified in the presence of the Grand Treasurer and Executive Secretary.

All interest due on these bonds and savings bank accounts has been received. In addition, interest in the amount of $125 was received on another $5,000 Government bond which has been held in reserve by Grand Commandery. Interest on the reserve savings account at the Boston Penny Savings Bank, which is also held by Grand Commandery, amounted to $138.09. Both of these items are paid to the Educational Foundation altho the principal amounts do not appear in their records.

PRINCIPAL

The various items written off as a result of compromise settlements with borrowers, as well as by authority of Grand Encampment, resulted in a total reduction of the Principal account in the amount of $1,263.40.

GENERAL

The 1954 payment books were sent out by us for verification purposes with the usual request that in the event any discrepancies were found the students should communicate directly with us. We have received no complaints to date among the nearly two hundred students who have filled out the questionnaire which was also sent out with the payment books. Many of the students enclosed payments on their accounts.

Depreciation on office equipment has been provided for the past year. Accruals have been made to cover rental and accounting expense at the end of the year. Balances are also shown to cover liability for withholding and social security taxes.

Subject to the foregoing comments, I certify that the appended exhibits, in my opinion, fairly present the condition of the Educational Foundation Division as of December 31, 1953, and the result of operations for the year ended that date.

HURLBUT L. PLUMMER

Certified Public Accountant

Upon Motion duly made and seconded it was Voted that the above report be accepted and printed in the Proceedings.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Financial Statement

January 1 to December 31, 1953

To be filed before February 1, 1954

DIVISION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

Required Capital (9 x 1932 membership @ $1.00 each)	$218,889.00	Accrued Earned Income to December 31, 1952
Total Assessments collected	$232,950.13	$ 3,822.17

	OPERATIONS			
1.	Cash on Hand or in Bank (line 14 of December 31, 1952, statement)			$ 2,440.00
	Receipts			
2.	Principal Repayment on Student Loans:			
	(a) On Current Loans	$ 29,511.46		
	(b) On Loans assigned to Trustees	55.00	$ 29,566.46	
3.	Interest received on Student Loans	4,604.17		
4.	Income on Securities and Savings Accounts:			
	(a) Received	2,502.93		
	(b) Deferred		7,107.10	
5.	Other Income:			
	(a) Sale of Securities		19,445.00	
	(b) Assessments		.....	
	(c) Recoveries of Charge-offs		.....	
	(d) Transferred from Savings Accounts		.....	
	(e) Miscellaneous (specify)		.....	
6.	Total Receipts			56,118.56
7.	Total Cash available (line 1 plus line 6)			$ 58,558.56
	Disbursements			
8.	Loans to Students (a) (Male, 86) (Amount $33,800.00)		$ 33,800.00	
	(b) (Female, 27) (Amount $9,542.50)		9,542.50	
9.	Scholarships (as authorized by G. E. Committee)		.....	
10.	Transferred to Knights Templar Scholarship Account		.....	
11.	Operating Costs (line 52)		6,353.83	
12.	Other Disbursements:			
	(a) Securities purchased		.....	
	(b) Deferred Interest on Investments (line 4 (b)		.....	
	(c) Transferred to and Interest left in Savings Accounts		.....	
	(d) 5% Paid G. E. Committee 1952 Report		$ 327.86	
	(e) Miscellaneous (specify)		.....	
13.	Total Disbursements			$ 50,024.19
	Current Assets			
14.	Cash on Hand or in Bank, December 31, 1953 (line 7 minus 13)		$ 8,534.37	
15.	Funds Invested: Securities, Savings Accounts, Accrued Interest		70,078.53	
16.	Student Loans Outstanding (Principal only—deducting Loans assigned to Trustees—see line 21)		155,137.33	
17.	Funds in Knights Templar Scholarship Account		.....	
18.	Due from Grand Commandery or Assessments		.....	
19.	Other Assets:			
	(a) Furniture and Fixtures		105.13	
	(b) Miscellaneous (specify) Inventory — Stationery		53.30	
20.	Total Current Assets			$233,908.66

DEFERRED ASSETS

21. Balance due on Uncollectible Loans assigned to Trustees (Principal only)			$ 2,631.45
22. Total Resources (line 20 plus line 21)			$236,540.11

LIABILITIES

23. Due the Committee on the Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment for EXPENSE: 5% of lines 3 and 4. REMIT AMOUNT SHOWN WITH THIS STATEMENT to the Committee	$ 355.36		
24. Other Liabilities (see page 5)		.....	
25. Total Liabilities (line 23 plus line 24)			355.36

NET WORTH

26. Net Worth (line 22 minus line 25)			$236,184.75

NOTE: Administration expenses are payable from the earnings of the current year. The 5% conserved (line 55) and any unexpended income (line 56) are the principal sources of gain (line 83). Gain is important to offset inevitable losses. Please watch expenses closely but be generous with costs of helpful advice and counsel for recovery of doubtful loans.

OPERATING COSTS

51. Maximum available for Administration Expense 1953 (90% of lines 3 and 4, page 1, see Section 17B. Regulations and Standard Practice September 20, 1952)			$ 6,396.39
52. Expenses of Administration (as per detail, Page 5)			6,353.83
53. Balance			$ 42.56

CAPITAL GAIN OR LOSS

ADDITIONS

	Assessments	Donations	Earned Income
54. Net Worth, December 31, 1952 (total equals line 26 of 1952 statement)	$232,950.13	$ 903.97	$ 3,822.17
55. Conserved Earnings 1953 (5% of lines 3 and 4)	.....	.....	355.35
56. Remaining 5% Earnings, 1953, Expense of G. E. Committee			$ 355.36
57. Unexpended Income (line 53 if black)	.....	.....	42.56
58. Recovery of Loans charged-off	.....	.....	.....
59. Adjustments to increase Student Loan Account (Principal only)	.....	.....	.....
60. Profit on sales of Securities	.....	.....	.....
61. Additional Assessments	.....	.....	.....
62. Donations	.....	.....	.....
63. Miscellaneous (specify)	.....	.....	.....
64. Gross Capital	$232,950.13	$ 903.97	$ 4,575.44

DEDUCTIONS

65. Uncollectible Loans charged-off (Principal only) approved by G. E. Committee. Names:			
M. W. Holmes $400.00			
E. G. Hegh 145.00			
C. E. Gould 63.00			
F. H. Caffin 50.00			
W. R. Brown 15.00			
L. J. Grinnell 450.00			
			$ 1,123.00
(Note: Attach additional sheet if more space needed.)			
66. Loss by Compromise Adjustment	.....	.....	140.40
67. Loss on Sale of Securities	.....	.....	555.00
68. Depreciation on Furniture & Fixtures	.....	.....	62.73
69. Excess Operating Cost (line 53 if red)	.....	.....	.....
70. Adjustments to decrease Student Loan Account (Principal only)	.....	.....	.....
71. Scholarships and/or Fellowships (deductible only from items 3 and 4, less item 52. See Intangible Asset, page 6)	.....	.....	.....

72. Scholarships from Scholarship Accounts (list on page 6)	.....	.....	.....
73. The Committee on Educational Foundation 5% Earnings 1953	.....	.....	$ 355.36
74. Miscellaneous (specify) Diff. of Inventory	.....	.....	8.30
75. .....Total Deductions	.....	.....	$ 2,244.79
76. Capital Account, December 31, 1953 (line 64 minus line 75)	$232,950.13	$ 903.97	$ 2,330.65
77. Capital Account, December, 1952 (line 54)	232,950.13	903.97	3,822.17
78. Increase or Decrease, Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 1953 (line 76 minus line 77)	$ 0	0	$ *1,491.52*

ANALYSIS OF CAPITAL GAIN

79. Earnings for 1953 (lines 3 and 4, page 1)	.....	.....	$ 7,107.10
80. Other Income (lines 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63)	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	.....	$ 7,107.10
81. Operating Costs (line 52)	.....	.....	$ 6,353.83
82. Other Expenses (lines 65, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74)	.....	.....	2,244.79
Total	.....	.....	$ 8,598.62
83. Net Increase or Decrease (same as line 78)	$ 0	$ 0	$ *1,491.52*

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE

Salaries: (Give Gross Totals, including Withholding for Income Taxes)		Postage and Express	.....
Executive Officer	$1,794.00	Telephone and Telegraph	214.31
Treasurer	300.00	Stationery, Supplies, Etc.	31.40
Stenographer or Clerical	1,820.00	Furniture, Equipment and Repairs	.....
Attorney or Collection Fees	460.40	Premiums on Investment	.....
Rent and Light	723.40	Miscellaneous (Itemize)	71.00
Safe Deposit Box	10.80	Retail Credit Reports	270.85
Fidelity Bonds and Insurance	204.50	Interest Expense	130.55
Social Security (Employer only)	55.27	W. H. Tax	*15.50*
Audit	260.00		
Committee Meetings	22.85	TOTAL EXPENSE	$6,353.83
Traveling Expense Contacting Loanees	.....	(Same as line 52, page 2)	

INVESTED FUNDS

Savings Accounts: Bank	Location	Interest Rate	Amount
Salem Savings Bank	Salem, Mass.	3%	$2,000.00
South Boston Savings Bank	Boston, Mass.	3%	3,000.00
Weymouth Savings Bank	Weymouth, Mass.	3%	5,078.53
		Total	$10,078.53

Stocks & Bonds: Name	Serial Number	Interest Rate	Par Value	Book Value
U. S. Savings Bonds	X680443G	2½		$10,000.00
	V674014G			5,000.00
	V575436G			5,000.00
	V613512G			5,000.00
	V613513G			5,000.00
	V634853G			5,000.00
	V634854G			5,000.00
	V740902G			5,000.00
	V785308G			5,000.00
	V785309G			5,000.00
	V785310G			5,000.00
			Total	$60,000.00
			Grand Total	$70,078.53
			(Same as Line 15)	

FIDELITY BONDS

(As Provided by Section 10 of the Regulations & Standard Practice)

Officer Bonded	Amount of Bond	Amount of Premium	Paid by Grand Commandery or Foundation	Expiration Date
Exec. Secretary	$ 2,500.00	190.34	Foundation	11/6/54
Asst. to Exec. Sec.	2,500.00			
Treasurer	12,500.00			

3 year bond paid on annual basis

AUDIT

Is your Annual Audit made by (a) Certified Public Accountants? Yes or (b) by the Finance Committee of the Grand Commandery?.....

NOT AN ASSET

Accrued Interest on Student Loans—disclosed only as an urge to recover and not to be included in Current or Deferred Assets.....		$1,426.09

LIABILITIES

Student Loans Payable (amount of installments due on Student Loans for which you hold notes included in line 16, page 1).....	.....	
Loans and Accounts Payable — Rent and Audit.....	$408.75	
Withholding Tax.....	120.90	
Trust Funds administered by Committee and included in Assets.....	.....	
Other Liabilities — Social Security Tax.....	31.61	
Total Liabilities (item 25, page 1).....		$ 561.26

Note: The Constitution of the Grand Encampment having been amended to provide for Scholarship or Fellowship Grants, line 9 is provided for such a disbursement. These grants are non-recoverable—actually gifts—hence are no longer financial assets. They are intangible moral assets and in all future compilations a Division is given full credit for this service.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND/OR FELLOWSHIPS—AN INTANGIBLE ASSET

State whether by Scholarship Grant, or from funds Transferred to K. T. Scholarship Accounts

Date Granted	Amount	Name and Address of Grantee	Name ond Location of College

NONE

Objectives of Division and Grantees. (In event of more than one Scholarship or Fellowship please outline objectives of each separately):.....
.....

(Note: Attach additional sheet if more space needed)

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct Financial Statement of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation Division of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island as of December 31, 1953.

Signed CLARENCE R. DAVIS,
Chairman

Signed A. KENNETH MARTIN,
Treasurer

Attest: GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*

Special attention is called to the following sections of the Regulations which please observe, to-wit:

Section 13C(9): Prepare and file on or before February 1st of each year with the Secretary of the Committee on The Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment, on such form as provided, three (3) copies of a detailed report of the previous year's operations. He shall also present a duplicate of such report to the Grand Commandery at its first stated conclave thereafter.

Section 17: A. For the purpose of assisting in the operating expense of the Committee on The Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment, 5% of the interest collected on loans and of the interest collected and/or accrued on securities and deposits during the current year shall be remitted annually by each Division with the filing of the financial statement required to be filed with Secretary of the Committee on The Educational Foundation on or before February 1st of each year.

B. The authorized administration expense of Division Committees for any one year shall not exceed 90% of the interest collected on loans and of the interest collected and/or accrued on securities and deposits during the current year.

C. The Division Secretary shall pay the authorized expenses of the Division only after a budget has been approved by the Committee on The Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment, acting either collectively or through its Chairman. This budget shall contain only such items as are necessary to the operation of the Educational Fund. It shall be prepared and submitted by the Finance Committee of the Grand Commandery each year, at its stated conclave, for the following calendar year. If approved and recommended by the Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall cause a copy of the budget to be transmitted immediately to the Chairman of the Committee on The Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment for final approval.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF INSPECTOR INSTRUCTOR

May 15, 1954

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

With the exception of seven Commanderies all reports have been received.

As yet no Commandery has been marked below nine minus and there have been twenty-five ten minus marks awarded.

Only twelve Commanderies differ in their marks of last year, not counting the seven I have not heard from as of this date.

A full report will be given at the Annual Conclave.

Respectfully yours,

CLYDE L. CARTER
Inspector Instructor

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE NEW MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLICITY

To the Officers and Members of Grand Commandery:

This is simply a report of progress. Our "intake" year does not close until two months hence. Our potential losses continue for two months more beyond that date.

Thus far the total petitions received are just about at our average for the several past years. We are at 80% of our petition objective.

We need only 150 more petitions to equal last year's total.

14 Commanderies have already equalled or surpassed their objectives as follows:

Palestine No. 10	15 over 9	Joseph Warren No. 26	10 over 8
Milford No. 11	11 " 7	Natick No. 33	22 " 9
St. Bernard No. 12	7 to 7	Olivet No. 36	28 " 25
Haverhill No. 14	37 over 28	Cambridge No. 42	8 " 5
Bethany No. 17	9 " 7	Temple No. 48	17 to 17
Jerusalem No. 19	19 " 18	T. S. Webb No. 51	10 over 8
Conn. Valley No. 23	11 " 9	Sir Galahad No. 52	8 " 7

Only one Commandery has not yet produced any petitions.

In order to find out just where Grand Commandery stood at the half way point of our membership statistical year the R∴E∴ Grand Commander issued Official Letter No. 1 requesting certain information as of January 31, 1954 from each Commandery and asked for their report by February 15th. As of this date, three months later, we are sorry to report that we cannot give you a complete picture of our net gains because of the failure of some Commanderies to send in their report.

In addition to setting a petition quota for each Commandery this year we also adopted another quota — a "net gain" quota, which if reached will give us a net gain of 257, a much greater net gain than usually reached.

With two more months to go let us be sure that we Knight every petitioner, for in the last analysis it is the net gain that counts.

Courteously submitted,

FRANK H. WILSON
Chairman

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, you have heard the report. What is your pleasure?

R∴E∴SIR A. KENNETH MARTIN: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I move it be accepted. (Motion seconded)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, you have heard the motion and second. All in favor signify by extending the sword arm; opposed, the bridle arm. It is a unanimous vote.

Report of the Triennial Committee.

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I might say that the chairman and the members of the committee are present. There is not too much that we can report at the present time as to any tour leaving Boston for the Triennial Conclave. We have a complete story which has been issued in the Grand Encampment Review which gives us a tentative schedule. It may be of some interest for the record.

It will be held in New York August 20 to 26, 1955, inclusive. The tentative program is as follows: Saturday, August 20, registration and arrival of the Grand Master; Sunday, August 21, Church parade and service, and open air sacred concert; Monday, August 22, full form opening, night street parade; Wednesday, August 24, Grand Encampment Session, election of officers, conferring of orders by Detroit Commandery on a prominent candidate and all Sir Knights are invited; Thursday, August 25, Session, all day boat trip up the Hudson River; Friday, August 26, close with public installation of officers.

Then they go on with a long comment on directions. They make references to hotels in which most of us would be interested. The corporation has contracted with the Hotel Association of New York for a minimum of 8,000 rooms, with a guarantee of no increase over the regular rates. There will be thousands of rooms available in mid-town New York. So send your request in as early as possible to assure your receiving accommodations in the hotel of your choice.

(R∴E∴Sir Weeks continued reading the instructions from Grand Encampment with reference to the Triennial.)

Now, the story is that the requests for rooms must be made through the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and sent to the Housing Committee in New York to get rooms that have been tied up. It comes directly under the Housing Committee in New York.

Then, registration and offices will be open nine to nine daily. The headquarters will be at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. The present headquarters is care of Stewart H. Walker, 330 West 42nd Street, New York City.

Then it goes on with the complete instructions of what we have to do in order to get reservations. That covers most of it. There is no registration fee.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, you have heard the report of the Triennial Committee. What is your pleasure?

R∴E∴SIR A. KENNETH MARTIN: Move it be accepted. (Motion seconded)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: It has been regularly moved and seconded to accept the report and place it in the records. All in favor signify by extending the sword arm; opposed, the bridle arm. So ordered.

V∴E∴SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: R∴E∴Grand Commander, may I ask the Eminent Grand Recorder, for the benefit of the Sir Knights here, when rooms will be able to be assigned? I have heard that some Grand Commanderies have been assigned rooms.

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: They haven't sent us any of the forms. Here is the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

V∴E∴SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: Could you give us some idea?

R∴E∴SIR JOHN E. RINES: I am very well acquainted with Royal Ryan and they won't be assigned until probably two months before the Conclave.

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: The forms to fill out for requests haven't come out yet.

The report of the Committee on Finance.

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: R∴E∴Grand Commander, this is something that I know has been very close to your heart; something that hit you rather hard this year.

It was suggested at the Annual Conclave that the price of printing our proceedings be approved by the Finance Committee but, after their report, the printer died. As an explanation of this report, there were peculiar circumstances. The printer who printed our proceedings — you might say the whole business — was bankrupt and it was taken over by a group of people who are of the opposite faith than we are. The result was that when they came in to get a dollar out of the business, Mr. Muldoon, the administrator, said, "That is nothing but old lead. Sell it for junk." It meant that a new printer had to start from scratch. The old printer had page after page set up to go ahead.

So it did cost some money to start from scratch and I think your R∴E∴Grand Commander and Committee were fortunate in getting a man to do it. I might say this; that the man who bought the business was willing to turn back to us any of our cuts and steel engravings. We had the cover of the book and some others. Anything set up in lead type was junked and sold for twenty cents a pound.

(R∴E∴Sir Weeks read the report of the Finance Committee.)

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 15, 1954

To the Deputy Grand Commander and Members of the Finance Committee of Grand Commandery:

Sir Knights:

Complying with Article VIII, Section 5 of the Constitution of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island adopted October 15, 1947, your Grand Commander presents the following request to the Deputy Grand Commander and Members of the Finance Committee:

Whereas on October 31, 1953, the Finance Committee submitted in the Budget for the year ending August 31, 1954 an Item of $1,000.00 for the Printing of the 1953 Proceedings of this Grand Commandery as submitted by the Walter Smith Company and that owing to the sudden death of Mr. Smith and the liquidation of his business it was necessary to obtain a new printer (who had to start from scratch with new cuts and composition) his price for 330 copies is $1,150.00 or $150.00 more than set-up in the Budget."

Under Grand Commandery Regulations, "that in cases of emergencies or necessity, warrants approved in writing by the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, and a majority of the Finance Committee, may issue on the General Fund to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate in any one year ten percentum (10%) of the total of that fiscal year's Budget."

As this year's Budget is $16,054.00, I respectfully request a supplementary appropriation of $150.00 to cover the additional cost of printing the 1953 Proceedings of this Grand Commandery.

If you approve my request, I will gladly submit it at the Semi-Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery to be held in Providence, Rhode Island on Saturday, May 15, 1954.

With Knightly greetings, I am

Courteously yours,

HARRIE M. TAFT
Grand Commander

APPROVED

KENNETH H. EARLE
Deputy Grand Commander
LEON L. ALLEN, *Chairman*
ARTHUR R. DORWARD
HOWARD A. GRAY

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: That is the basis of the report. It has been approved according to the constitution which requires the approval of the Deputy Grand Commander and two members of the Finance Committee. This has been approved by the Deputy Grand Commander and the entire Finance Committee.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, you have heard the report of the Committee on Finance. What is your pleasure?

R∴E∴SIR A. KENNETH MARTIN: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I move it be approved. (Motion seconded)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: It is regularly moved and seconded that the report be approved. All in favor signify by extending the sword arm; opposed, the bridle arm. It is a unanimous vote and so ordered.

We have got a lot of this stuff through at this time. I would like to present to you Ill. Norris G. Abbott, Jr., 33°, Deputy for the State of Rhode Island.

ILL. NORRIS G. ABBOTT, JR.: R∴E∴Grand Commander and members of this Grand Commandery. I think we all, from time to time, have heard references by speakers to the close association. which exists between the two Rites, the York and the Scottish. That is all true. I am happy to say that it still exists today.

I thought you might be interested in some words I read in an old book which just recently came to my possession. It refers to an action that was taken in the year 1812 by some Brethren of the City of Newport. The records go on to tell of the experience of that organization which culminated by their receiving from a Mr. Thomas Lowns of New York, for the sum of $150, a patent creating in Newport a Body known as the Deputy Grand Consistory, which was given full authority to work all the Degrees of Knighthood and all the Degrees of the Scottish Rite from the 4° to the 32°. Truly, you will agree, a most unusual Body.

However, the record goes on to state that two years later they made application to this Grand Commandery and Washington Encampment was then constituted.

Another item comes to mind which you, as a semi-military organization, may be interested in. You are interested, I know, in leaders of the armed forces of our country, particularly those who are members of the Masonic Craft and Fraternity. I wish you could have shared my experience last Tuesday as a small group met in Boston to do honor to General Mark Clark. The Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction has an honorary citation known as the Gorgas Medal. You may recall that John James Joseph Gorgas is known as the conservator of the Scottish Rite because, during the anti-Masonic period, it was through his efforts that the Scottish Rite records were maintained and some semblance of an organization continued. It was due to him that the Northern and Southern Supreme Councils were able to reform and become reactivated at the end of the anti-Masonic period. Hence, the Supreme Council has set up the Gorgas Medal which to date has only been given to six individuals, one of whom being King Gustave V of Sweden.

At a small gathering held in Boston on Tuesday General Clark, who is an honorary member of the 33° of the Northern Jursidiction, was present and the Past Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Melvin M. Johnson, made a most beautiful presentation. It was my first opportunity to meet General Clark. Those of you who have met him recognize in him that we have a man in whom Masonry may well be proud. He is at present President of The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. He is a very distinguished man, a very able man, a most courteous Christian gentleman.

The R∴E∴Grand Commander spoke of the beautiful weather today. Thinking of that beautiful weather, and thinking that it may presage the coming of spring, calls to mind the experience of one of our local merchants who was in the clothing business. At this time of year it was his desire, as all others in the business, to clear his racks of his winter inventory. Over a short period he had been quite successful and succeeded in selling all the winter clothing in the store with one exception, and that was a rather remarkable suit consisting of extremely broad checks with the predominating colors of red, green and yellow. The suit had remained on the rack for a considerable time and was the problem of the organization as to how to get rid of it.

On a certain day as the owner was leaving for lunch he spoke to an assistant, "Sam, while I am at lunch see if you can't get rid of that suit." Upon his return he was extremely gratified and thrilled to notice that the suit was gone but the shop was in a shambles. The showcases were broken and Sam was in a very disreputable state. So immediately, being tremendously concerned, the owner said, "Sam, I am glad to see that the suit has been sold but what happened? Did the customer object to buying it?" Sam replied, "No, the customer didn't object but I had a devil of a time with his seeing eye dog."

R∴E∴Sir, it is a pleasure to visit and wish you well and to pass on the greetings of the Scottish Rite to this organization.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Illustrious Brother Norrie, I want to thank you for that very nice delivery. I am sure we all appreciate it and have learned something of ancient Templary as well as the new. It is a pleasure to have you here.

We will now take time enough to have the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island address us. M∴Ill. Alfred E. Grant.

M∴ILL. ALFRED E. GRANT: R∴E∴Grand Commander and Sir Knights. It is my very happy privilege and duty to bring to this Semi-Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery the official and fraternal greetings of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Rhode Island, and like the Rite, no Providence Plantations.

I suppose that it is quite possible — although I hope not probable — that some of those in this room are not affiliated with the Council of Royal and Select Masters. May I just say that the lessons of the Council are zeal, fidelity and friendship. Certainly, we know that if Templary is to be on the march it will only be through the zeal of the Sir Knights. Fidelity — which is based on faith, that great Christian principle — is one in which Templary firmly believes. I am sure that friendship is a very marked characteristic of Knight Templary but it is one which may always grow and enhance not only our connection but the joy we have in life as members of this great Christian organization.

I would say then, and I trust, that our interest and enthusiasm for Templary may lead us to have, if not an equal, at least a comparable enthusiasm for the Cryptic Rite. (Applause)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you very much M∴Ill. Brother Al. It is a pleasure to have you here today.

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: Now, R∴E∴Sir, it seems we are getting along here. We are down to the last item on the agenda which comes under the heading of new business.

One year ago, in the city of Springfield, at our Semi-Annual there was a report made by what was termed the Sesquicentennial Committee with regard to holding an anniversary in 1955. In the results of that meeting the whole action was declared unconstitutional. So, your R∴E∴Grand Commander at the end of his year, in order to ascertain if the Grand Commandery wished to have a celebration, appointed a new committee headed by Kenneth Earle as chairman. And he has asked to have this report re-submitted, with a change in it, at this meeting for your consideration. Is that correct? I will read the report which in substance was submitted one year ago but changed to the date of May 15, 1954.

(R∴E∴Sir Weeks read the report of the Sesqui-centennial Committee.)

REPORT OF THE SESQUI-CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

May 15, 1954

To the Rt. Em. Grand Commander and Members of the Grand Commandery:

Sir Knights:

Your Sesqui-Centennial Committee submits the following report:

The committee proposes a tentative program to start with a banquet on a Saturday night in May, 1955 — probably following the Semi-Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

On the following day — Sunday — it is proposed to hold Divine Services preceded by a parade of all Commanderies in this Grand Jurisdiction.

It is our expectation that banquet tickets will be sold at $5.00 each and that we will be able to accommodate about 1,300 persons.

The estimated cost of this celebration to Grand Commandery is:

Banquet	$ 3,000.00
Parade	1,000.00
Church Service	1,200.00
Guests	1,000.00
Program	1,000.00
Souvenirs	500.00
Pictures	300.00
Music & Misc.	2,000.00
	$10,000.00

To finance such a project, the income of Grand Fund for this fiscal year (1954) and the two following (1955 & 1956) could be earmarked for that purpose. It is calculated that the expected revenue will amount to about $9,500. Should $500.00 more be needed, it may be appropriated from the general fund.

Your committee recommends that the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of this Grand Commandery be held as outlined above, at an estimated cost of $10,000; that the income of the Grand Fund for the fiscal years ending 1954, 1955, and 1956 be used for this purpose, together with an appropriation of $500.00 from the General Fund if required.

If this Grand Commandery wishes to produce a history in book form, as was done at the centennial celebration, it will add $2,000.00 to the expense. Part of this cost could be returned if the book was placed on sale.

Courteously submitted,

Sesqui-Centennial Committee

KENNETH H. EARLE, *Chairman*

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: This is the resubmission of the report which was made with the change from 1953, which income has gone in the general fund and can not be touched. They have changed that.

E∴SIR RAYMOND L. HALL: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I move that the report be accepted and the recommendations adopted.

R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I am a member of that committee and I didn't sign that report. I think, Sir Knights, we are going off on a pretty elaborate scale. In the first place I don't think this is legal but I will get back to that later.

We are going out to spend $10,000 but you will end up with probably $12,000 or $14,000. I don't know where you are going to get the support. We had a meeting of the Past Commanders a few weeks ago and we had 40 present. We have a Semi-Annual in Providence today. We could have a thousand here but we have got 80. Where is the support coming from? Outside of two Past Grand Commanders who have got to be here today, the Recorder and myself, we have got one other. The rest who signed this report are not here today.

I don't know how many of you people are in a position to go in your pockets to finance this deal. In the first place you are going to come to Boston on a Saturday and you are going to bring your wife with you. You are going to spend $12 a couple and that is only the start. You are going to buy a badge. You are going to have a delicious dinner. You could probably get the same here for $1.50. You are going home or otherwise stay in the hotel overnight. You are coming back in the morning for a parade. They figure on 1,200 people for that banquet. If the plans go through, with so many invited guests there wouldn't be room for people to pay for that dinner.

Now, here is the question on your finances. The Grand Fund is set up to take care of a period of emergency that might exist. Here is a program submitted to you Sir Knights wherein next year the Grand Commander will have the privilege of drawing ahead for two more years. I don't think that is legal. In other words, this report is drawn up and I don't think there has been much consideration given to it.

If Grand Commandery has got to have a celebration lets make it a one day affair. Personally, I don't believe that 25 percent of the Sir Knights at this Conclave today will attend that affair in Boston. If we are going to get 80 at a Semi-Annual where are you going to get 600 out with their wives for that dinner?

This report has been submitted and can be accepted. Then it is going to the Grand Commandery because there is money involved. You have got to get a four-fifths vote and I don't believe you will do it. I believe we should cut the cloth to fit the pattern. There isn't one of you businessmen here who would take a $10,000 program unless you knew where the money was coming from. I don't know what we will gain. I think it would be more to our advantage to have a few dollars in the Grand Fund for an emergency. Today you read of an appropriation of $150 that had to be made. Why dissipate this fund to put on a celebration and who

is going to enjoy it? I have talked, I suppose, in the last several months to 40 different people and I have only found eight who would attend this affair.

Now, gentlemen, you can accept this report, put it on the record, and fight it out on the floor of Grand Commandery, but I think it is something that is going to cost you money. You take St. Johns in Providence. I don't think they have gotten over the effect of the Semi-Annual we had on their anniversary. They talk about spending the money of the Grand Fund. The income is around $3,100 a year; the other income is from the Grand Commandery. Now, that Grand Commandery money is money we have in the check book. You appropriate so much money every year and we have got to have it. When they had the anniversary at St. Johns, $2,000 was appropriated with no mention made of the means of whence it was to come. If you were treasurer of an organization, and you had a checking account of $4,000, and got a bill for $2,000, and nothing to reimburse you, you are running too close. Today, we are running too close to the wind in the Grand Commandery Fund. If you are going to continue this you are going to run that down, and then you are going to get assessments.

Gentlemen, consider this for what it is worth. Would you, as businessmen, invest this money for a few hours pleasure? That is all it amounts to. We don't have to spend that kind of money to advertise Grand Commandery. That is what you are voting on today. You will have to come back for more money to reimburse Grand Commandery. I don't believe you can take those funds that haven't been earned and the Lord knows what is going to happen when you go ahead three years. This is the same policy we had under Roosevelt. It is about time to put the house in order and think of the days when a few dollars mean something rather than have it all expended.

The Grand Commander: Any further remarks?

V∴E∴Sir Kenneth H. Earle: R∴E∴Grand Commander and Sir Knights. This same report was entered a year ago in Springfield and the R∴E∴Past Grand Commander did sign the report at that time, I believe. We had to resubmit it at this time in order to decide whether anything was going to happen as far as an anniversary party was concerned next year. As far as I am concerned, I am neutral. Last year it was unanimous in its approval and everybody who was there knows it.

R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I heartily subscribe to what Sir Knight Martin said but I would like to add a little thought to this thing. If we can go out strong and bear witness to the world that we are a Christian organization, and make a good parade, and have plenty of people watch us, I think it is a grand thing for Templary. Conditions today are such that there are not many people standing on the sidewalks.

They are all riding in automobiles. A few years ago, under Judge Wilson, we had a fine parade in Boston. Lets recognize the fact that Robert Gardiner Wilson is a very popular fellow and he had the entire support of Aleppo Temple behind him. Without any discredit to Sir Knight Earle, he isn't a Past Imperial Potentate and I doubt if he, or anybody in New England, has the support that Sir Knight Wilson has.

Now, we can put on a big parade which is a fine thing and it might be money well expended. As Sir Knight Martin has said, there are a lot of guests. Well, there won't be over 300 Sir Knights, if their wives were included, who could buy tickets. This money we are spending is coming from money paid in to this Grand Commandery. We owe our existence to the Baldric Knights. The time that Judge Wilson put on his show, which was a success, there was a twenty cent assessment added to the per capita which was, as the motion went through, temporary; but it is still on and I doubt if it can be taken off. The subordinate Commanderies are still suffering under that burden.

Now, we have got another very vital thing to consider. Next year we have the Conclave of the Grand Encampment. You are going to hear a great deal about having a large delegation of Sir Knights attend that Conclave and participate in parades. Certainly, no Knight Templar wants to see a handful of Knights march down Fifth Avenue. New York is accustomed to large spectacles. The Shrine has been there twice and practically all New York turns out to see it. That is a Masonic Body, to a sense, but if we went down with a few plumes coming from all over the United States it would be very sad for Templary Masonry.

Therefor, I believe that Masonry wants us to send over just as many Knights with plumes as we possibly can in August of '55. If we have a parade in May of '55, there is one parade. There would be another one in August. I question how many people want to go and march twice within a period of two or three months. I think that is vital to consider.

Two years ago St. Johns Commandery celebrated its 150th anniversary as the oldest Commandery recognized in the United States. That anniversary was well written up and publicized in the Knight Templar Review and it went all over the United States among Templar Masonry. However, I don't suppose that that, or any other similar occasion, created too much talk. They thought it was a wonderful thing, and it was, to turn the century and a half mark.

Now, let's be fair with ourselves. If Grand Commandery celebrates its 150th anniversary within a period of two years isn't it a sort of anticlimax? Just how much good will it do? How many people will march and give up the time? As I say again, we had the support of Aleppo Temple behind us a few years ago. We won't have this support this time although many Templars who are

members of Aleppo will attend, but we won't have that support. I am afraid that it would be something that we wouldn't be too proud about when it was all over and, as we summed it all up, I question very much the few that would be able to participate in the banquet which would be about the only thing that the rest would get anything out of. As you remember, our Grand Master, last October, said that it is much better for us to attend divine service in our groups and keep it up than it is to attempt one big thing and make a failure of it. I do not believe that we will get the value of $10,000 even in personal satisfaction or in advertising to the world. Thank you.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you, Eminent Sir Rines. Any further remarks? Do I hear that motion seconded? (Motion seconded) It is regularly moved and seconded that the —

E∴SIR GARDNER R. P. BARKER: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I believe it would be best to divide the question. As I understand it the original motion was that the report be accepted and the recommendations adopted. I will call for a division of the question.

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: R∴E∴Sir, I think the E∴ Sir is correct. I think your first would be the acceptance of the report and then the appropriation of the money. I think it is in two parts; first, the acceptance of the report, and then the consideration of where the money is coming from.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: First, the acceptance of the report. All in favor signify by extending the sword arm; opposed, the bridle arm. I didn't see too many. I think on that —

E∴SIR ALLAN CAMPBELL, JR.: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I think to make this legal you would have to amend that motion. I amend the motion that we vote separately on each article. First, we vote on the acceptance of the report; and second, we take the report on the financing.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: That is what I intended it to be. The report of the committee is first. All in favor of accepting the report of the committee signify by extending the sword arm; those opposed, the bridle arm. (The vote was 10 in the affirmative; 5 in the negative.) I think the report of the committee was accepted.

Now, the next one is the recommendation of how to furnish the finances.

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: Do you want me to read that again?

(R∴E∴Sir Weeks read the portion of the report regarding financing of the celebration.)

E∴SIR ALLAN CAMPBELL, JR.: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I would like to find out if we take money in '55 and '56 if the people we owe money to will wait until '56? We would have to wait

for $3,000 until '56 in order to pay the bills. This Grand Commandery will be in debt until '56 if we spend $10,000 next year.

E∴Sir James R. Hooper: R∴E∴Grand Commander, the legality of the appropriation has been questioned by R∴E∴Sir Ken Martin as to whether the appropriation can be made covering incomes extending into 1956. I think that matter is of prime importance. If it is illegal the whole thing will be thrown out anyway.

E∴Sir Alfred C. Blake: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I rise to a point of information. I am not clear, and it is quite possible that others are not, as to just how this would work out assuming the recommendations of the Finance Committee are adopted. I assume that if $3,000 is taken for 1954, and '55, and '56, out of the Grand Commandery income for the purpose of financing this celebration that that would mean that there is no surplus of income left to defray the expenses of the Grand Commandery for those three years and therefor, as suggested by our Grand Treasurer it would be necessary in effect to tap the general fund. How much is in the general fund that would be available and how much left, presumably in the general fund, if we had to tap it to pay the expenses for 1954, 1955, and 1956? In other words, where would we be and where do we get off? I would like to know.

R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks: R∴E∴Sir, I think our E∴Sir Blake is talking on one item and the committee's report is on another. He refers to the general fund. What they aim to spend is the income from the permanent fund. For your information Art. XI, Section 1: The invested funds of this Grand Commandery heretofore established by provisions of the constitution, and now held in accordance with said reasons, shall constitute this grand fund. Section 2: The income of said grand fund may be expended for charitable or other purposes as may be determined by the Grand Commandery. All unexpended income of this fund and all donations to the same shall be annually added to the principal. Section 3: The principal of said grand fund shall not be expended for any purpose except the general welfare of the Order and then on due notice to every member of Grand Commandery at least 30 days prior to the Conclave at which action is to be taken and by a four-fifths vote of the Conclave.

There is the answer to the whole thing.

E∴Sir William Turner: R∴E∴Grand Commander, is it not a fact, at the present time, that the income from this fund is being used year by year to carry on this Grand Commandery as it has been functioning?

R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I might say this. It has not in the last couple of years, but it may be requested any time by a presiding Grand Commander before August 31, if he needs it. Speaking on this year, if some unknown expenditure comes up — as happened when Harold Crocker was Grand Commander, when the United States Government made them pay back taxes over a period on social security up to and including on dead men. That was something that came up and Harold Crocker had no other alternative but to take the interest of the grand fund to meet that. If something happened to this man before August 31 he can demand this. If it is earmarked where will he get the money?

R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin: R∴E∴Sir, I will answer your question first, Bill. That money isn't used for general expenses. This is the big question. The last three years we have been able to put that money aside, the income from the grand fund. It was down to about a $64,000 figure. It was up to $100,000. They have tapped it until they have got it down. A new regime came in and we tried to build it up. Sure, there have been some requests to tap it but the sane minded rebelled and have built it from a low of $64,000 up to $70,000.

Now, on August 31 what money is in that fund is automatically put in the grand fund. But this recommendation wants to draw ahead on income not earned. I can't tell you or anybody what the income will be in '54, '55, or '56. Now, in the meantime the committee wants to spend $10,000. I will bet that it will be nearer $15,000. We have got a checking account to cover the running expenses of Grand Commandery. Last night when I was in and paid out the checks it was down to $3,600. That has got to do us the balance of the year. That account should be about $2,000 higher. But we are short that $2,000 due to the fact that this money was appropriated for the anniversary of St. John's and no extra money came in. You can draw that down to $1 and then there will be no one paid. There are no donations being made to this trust fund. It is the money we scrimp and save to put in it. I am against badges and all that when Grand Commandery can use the money for better purposes.

R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I would like to supplement the remarks of the Grand Treasurer regarding this permanent fund. Prior to the great depression of 1933 this amounted to over $100,000. But I believe that every one recalls how the number of Masonry, as well as other fraternal organizations, shrunk during that period and we got down to a period where it was rather hard to exist. If it hadn't been for the income of the fund plus taking the principal from time to time Grand Commandery wouldn't have been able to exist. They reduced that principal, gentlemen, from $100,000 down to $64,000 and it is only, as the Grand Treasurer said — and I am one of the Trustees of the fund for 12 or more years, — recently that we have started to bring it back again.

Now, we got it up by selling securities and getting a profit, and that is how we got it up to this $72,000. It was only done in the last year. It hasn't been done entirely by adding the income to this fund. We want to bring it back again to $100,000 and then,

if somebody wants to tap it for an anniversary or something, you can afford to take it out. You are down $30,000 which should be replaced. Considering the value of the dollar today the fund should be increased to a value of $200,000.

E∴Sir Alfred C. Blake: R∴E∴Grand Commander, as a lawyer I am still troubled on the question of whether this is legal or not. In spite of the fact that our Grand Recorder has read the provisions of the Grand Commandery by-laws and constitution, which perhaps may cover it, I don't think that the provisions he has read necessarily mean that this Semi-Annual, or Annual, Grand Conclave can take money for years to come. What happens if there isn't any money? I therefor suggest this amendment to the present motion.

I move you, sir, that the motion to accept the recommendations of the committee and that the money be raised and earmarked as outlined; I move you, sir, that that motion be postponed until the Annual Conclave in October and during the interim the question of the legality and effect of the motion be submitted to the committee on Jurisprudence for a legal opinion. (Motion seconded)

The Grand Commander: Sir Knights, you have heard the amendment to the motion. It is regularly moved and seconded that this part of it lay over.

R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks: The question has arisen on the original motion which the committee recommends.

(R∴E∴Sir Weeks read that portion of the committee report.)

R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks: I think that was the original motion as now amended.

The Grand Commander: Sir Knights, you have heard the motion as amended. All those in favor will signify by extending the sword arm. Please stand. I think that motion has been accepted and it will lay on the table.

R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks: I wonder if —

E∴Sir William H. Miller: R∴E∴Sir, you haven't had the negative vote yet.

The Grand Commander: All those opposed please arise.

E∴Sir Gardner R. P. Barker: R∴E∴Sir, I am opposed because I think the question should be well settled now and not put off. I am in a minority but just expressing my opinion.

The Grand Commander: Any further new business?

E∴Sir Allan Campbell, Jr.: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I think we have to put through the original motion to kill that.

R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines: R∴E∴Grand Commander. Without any effect I see no harm, if the Sir Knights would like to see

an expression of opinion, in having a rising vote whether they want to have a celebration and spend the money. It would have no effect on the action if it were put in as a vote of expression.

E∴Sir Alfred C. Blake: R∴E∴Sir, I rise to a point of order. I think any such expression would be merely a sense of the meeting vote and have no effect whatever unless the Jurisprudence Committee, in its wisdom, hands down its opinion one way or the other.

The Grand Commander: I think the fact that the amendment was so strong that it is just a waste of time.

The report of the Committee of the Day.

E∴Sir William Turner: R∴E∴Sir, that report is from the Past Commanders Association and that would be by Clyde Carter.

R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks: How many finally were present and the number of Commanderies represented?

E∴Sir William Turner: 104 Sir Knights representing 36 Commanderies.

The Grand Commander: Now the report of the Past Commanders Association.

(E∴Sir Clyde Carter reported on luncheon arrangements.)

R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines: R∴E∴Grand Commander. Regardless of Sir Knight Blake's objection to my suggestion — whether it be legal or not and, of course, I am not in favor of spending the money — I would like to see an expression of the Sir Knights here present as to whether or not they would like to hold this 150th anniversary. In the event that the majority present decided that they would like to have this anniversary it would give Sir Knight Earle a chance to make preparations. If he found that the majority were against it, it would save him and the Jurisprudence Committee a lot of trouble.

E∴Sir Dwight C. Page: R∴E∴Sir, just a suggestion. I don't see how we here can decide if we want it until we know what it is going to cost.

R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin: R∴E∴Sir, I would like to go along with John on that. I would like to know how many of this group would spend the money to go to Boston. If they attend it will cost them money. I think it is a fair question.

The Grand Commander: Sir Knights, to satisfy some of the Sir Knights on the first part of that motion it is suggested that all those in favor of it please stand.

E∴Sir Alfred C. Blake: R∴E∴Sir, I rise to a point of order. I think that if that is going to be done it would have to be a motion.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: I think I have a right to do this and I have the backing of a lot of those who have more experience than I have, but it would be a satisfaction to the Deputy Grand Commander to see how many would support it. I don't know if they are going to furnish the money or not.

All in favor of the report of the committee to raise the money and in favor of that, will you please stand Sir Knights.

(Four Sir Knights stood in the affirmative.)

R∴E∴SIR A. KENNETH MARTIN: R∴E∴Sir, would you make a record that four were in favor.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Any further new business to come before this Grand Commandery?

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: Nothing on the desk.

The 148th Semi-Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

Luncheon was served at the Wannamoisett Country Club, Rumford, Rhode Island at 1:00 P.M.

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS
AND
THE APPENDANT ORDERS
OF
MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

BOSTON, MASS., OCTOBER 30, 1954

The One Hundred and Fifty-First Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island convened in Full Form at 9:30 A.M., Saturday, October 30, 1954 in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Massachusetts, Sir Knight Harrie M. Taft, presided. Divine Blessing was asked by Sir Knight Frank B. Crandall, Grand Prelate.

At this time the Report of the Committee on Credentials showed 245 Sir Knights present representing 46 Commanderies.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

Sir Kt. HARRIE M. TAFT	*R.E. Grand Commander*
Sir Kt. KENNETH H. EARLE	*V.E. Deputy Grand Commander*
Sir Kt. MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER	*E. Grand Generalissimo*
Sir Kt. THOMAS A. BOOTH	*E. Grand Captain General*
Sir Kt. Dwight C. Page	*E. Grand Senior Warden*
Sir Kt. ALFRED C. BLAKE	*E. Grand Junior Warden*
Sir Kt. FRANK B. CRANDALL	*E. Grand Prelate*
Sir Kt. OTIS L. MASON	*E. Associate Grand Prelate*
Sir Kt. A. KENNETH MARTIN	*R.E. Grand Treasurer*
Sir Kt. GEORGE A. WEEKS	*R.E. Grand Recorder*
Sir Kt. ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY	*E. Grand Standard Bearer*
Sir Kt. CLARENCE E. BOOTH	*E. Grand Sword Bearer*
Sir Kt. JAMES B. HENRY	*E. Grand Warder*
Sir Kt. RAYMOND L. HALL	*E. Grand Captain General*
Sir Kt. CLARENCE R. DAVIS	*E. Grand Sentinel*
Sir Kt. WILLIAM F. CLARK	*E. Division Commander*
Sir Kt. RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS	*E. Division Commander*
Sir Kt. WILLIAM F. WEST	*E. Division Commander*
Sir Kt. CLYDE L. CARTER	*E. Inspector Instructor*

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT

M∴E∴SIR HARRY G. POLLARD	R∴E∴SIR HAROLD S. CROCKER
R∴E∴SIR BENJAMIN F. DOWNING	R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS
R∴E∴SIR HAROLD W. SPRAGUE	R∴E∴SIR A. KENNETH MARTIN
R∴E∴SIR JOHN E. RINES	R∴E∴SIR ROBERT G. WILSON, JR.
R∴E∴SIR GEORGE B. SAMPSON	R∴E∴SIR CHARLES F. FAIRBANKS, 2nd
R∴E∴SIR FRANK H. WILSON	R∴E∴SIR FREDERIC KENNEDY

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Now, if the officers, who have been chosen to present the Grand Officers, will retire at this time, I will immediately send to receive them.

Eminent Captain of the Guard. you will form an Escort and retire to escort our distinguished guests.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS PRESENT

R∴E∴Sir Stanley W. Wakefield, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of New York — Introduced by R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson.

R∴E∴Sir J. Wesley Murdock, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of Vermont.

Em. Sir Arthur H. Deitrich, Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of Vermont — Introduced by R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin.

R∴E∴Sir Leonard W. Lewis, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of New Hampshire.

R∴E∴Sir William W. Bond, Junior Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of New Hampshire — Introduced by R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines.

R∴E∴Sir Idris Alderson, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of Connecticut — Introduced by R∴E∴Sir Charles F. Fairbanks, 2nd

R∴E∴Sir Alexander A. LaFleur, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of Maine — Introduced by R∴E∴Sir Benjamin F. Downing

R∴E∴Sir William R. Wheelan, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of New Jersey — Introduced by R∴E∴Sir Harold W. Sprague.

R∴E∴Sir Rodger R. Kauffman, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the Dist. of Columbia — Introduced by R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker.

M∴Ill∴Eugene B. Hamilton, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts

M∴Ill∴Alfred E. Grant, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island — Introduced by Em. Sir Alfred Herschel

M∴Ex∴Alexander Campbell, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts

M∴Ex∴Leland Ramsdell, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island — Introduced by Em. Sir William F. Clark.

Ill∴ Gerald F. Zedren, Potentate of Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. — Introduced by Em. Sir N. Russell Lynn.

R∴E∴Sir Harold A. Carman, Dept. Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. — Introduced by R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks.

R∴E∴Sir C. Vernon Eddy, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of U.S.A., Inspecting Officer, and personal representative of the Most Eminent Sir William Catron Gordon, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of U.S.A. — Introduced by M∴E∴Sir Harry G. Pollard.

M∴W∴Whitfield W. Johnson, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts — Introduced by R∴E∴Sir Harold W. Sprague.

R∴E∴Sir Harold W. Sprague: R∴E∴Grand Commander, it has often been said — and I think it bears repeating in this presence — that if all the Masons in the world were gathered together in one assembly the guest I have the privilege to present would rank third because he presides over the third oldest Grand Lodge in the world. It is my privilege to present to you, and through you to this Grand Commandery, Most Worshipful Whitfield W. Johnson, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts.

Our Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts is accompanied by the Right Worshipful Laurence E. Eaton, Grand Marshal.

R∴E∴Grand Commander: Most Worshipful Whitfield Johnson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, I feel honored this morning to welcome you into this Grand Commandery Session, and I will escort you to the East.

Sir Knights be seated. Sir Knight Captain of the Guard, dismiss the Escort.

R∴E∴Grand Commander: At this time I will ask the R∴E∴ Grand Recorder to call the Roll Call of the Grand Representatives.

ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama	E∴Sir William Turner
Arizona	R∴E∴Sir Frederic Kennedy
Arkansas	E∴Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder
California	R∴E∴Sir Clarence E. Burleigh
Colorado	E∴Sir Robert E. Powell
Connecticut	E∴Sir Harold A. Budreau
District of Columbia	R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker
Florida	E∴Sir Harry P. Kenison
Georgia	E∴Sir James R. Hooper
Idaho	R∴E∴Sir Charles F. Fairbanks, 2nd
Illinois	E∴Sir Gardner R. P. Barker
Indiana	E∴Sir Frank B. Ells
Iowa	E∴Sir Prescott W. Eaton
Kentucky	E∴Sir Harold L. Burr
Louisiana	E∴Sir William S. Cooper
Maryland	E∴Sir H. Howard Mills
Michigan	E∴Sir William F. Clark
Minnesota	E∴Sir Thomas A. Booth
Mississippi	E∴Sir Clyde L. Carter
Missouri	M∴E∴Sir Harry G. Pollard
Montana	E∴Sir Alfred C. Blake
Nebraska	E∴Sir Herbert F. Sawyer
Nevada	E∴Sir Alexander Campbell
New Hampshire	R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines
New Jersey	R∴E∴Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.
New Mexico	R∴E∴Sir Benjamin F.Downing
New York	R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson
North Carolina	E∴Sir James B. Henry
North Dakota	E∴Sir William H. Evans
Ohio	R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks
Oklahoma	E∴Sir Everett B. Byles
Oregon	E∴Sir George Ringchrist
Pennsylvania	R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin
South Carolina	E∴Sir N. Russell Lynn
South Dakota	E∴Sir Herbert Y. Follett

Tennessee	E∴Sir Eignar Ringquist
Texas	R∴E∴Sir George B. Sampson
Utah	E∴Sir John J. Mick
Vermont	E∴Sir Leslie M. Collins
Virginia	E∴Sir Clarence R. Davis
Washington	R∴E∴Sir Harold W. Sprague
West Virginia	R∴E∴Sir Harrie M. Taft
Wisconsin	E∴Sir Walter C. Furber
Wyoming	V∴E∴Sir Kenneth H. Earle

R∴E∴Geoege A. Weeks: R∴E∴Grand Commander, only two have not been heard from.

The Grand Commander: My thanks to the Grand Representatives who have answered the Roll Call at this Conclave, and I have no doubt that your duties will be well taken care of. Please convey my Knightly Greetings of this Grand Commandery to your respective Grand Jurisdictions.

(R∴E∴Harold S. Crocker responded for the Grand Representatives)

R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks: Right Eminent Sir, I have a letter from Sir Knight, William Catron Gordon, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment which I would like to read at this time, also a telegram from Sir Knight Clarence E. Burleigh, Past Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery:

October 22, 1954.

Sir Knight Harrie M. Taft,
Right Eminent Grand Commander,
Grand Commandery Knights Templars of
Massachusetts and Rhode Island,
20 Frankfort Street,
Providence, Rhode Island.

Dear Sir Knight Taft:

I sincerely regret that it will not be possible for me to visit personally your Annual Conclave this year at Boston on October 29th and 30th, 1954. Conflicts in dates, distances to be traveled and other circumstances will prevent my attendance.

I have requested Sir Knight Eddy, Right Eminent Grand Junior Warden, to attend your Conclave as Grand Master's Personal Representative. You will find him to be a fine individual and a loyal Templar and I am sure you will appreciate his visit with you.

I extend to you my cordial congratulations on your administration as Grand Commander. I trust the accomplishments for the welfare and progress of Templary in your Jurisdiction have been gratifying to you.

Please express to all the Knights in attendance at your Conclave my sincere greetings and best wishes for an enjoyable and interesting meeting. I trust that the continued advancement of our Christian Order will be basic in all plans of your Grand Commandery for the future.

With Knightly regards, I am,

Courteously yours,

William Catron Gordon,
Grand Master.

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205 Masonic Temple, Boylston St., Boston

We greatly appreciated your telegram extending congratulations and good wishes on our 60th wedding anniversary. Sorry we cannot be with you at the dinner October 29th, and I at the Conclave on October 30th. Knightly greetings to all.

Clarence E. Burleigh.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

To the Members of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Greetings:

Once more the pendulum of Time has marked the finish of another Grand Commandery Year, and we are gathered here today for the 151st Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery.

I am very glad to see so many of our members present, and I am happy to have this opportunity of extending to each of you a most hearty welcome to this our 151st Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Guests from our Sister Jurisdictions, the Representatives of the York Rite Bodies, the Scottish Rite Bodies and the Shrine, I extend to you all our Knightly greetings with the sincere hope that your stay will give you as much pleasure as it gives us to have you here today. From your presence here today, we shall gain much in pleasure, satisfaction, knowledge and inspiration. May we hope that, when duties make necessary your departure, you will leave with deep regret and with the feeling that it was indeed good to have been here.

We feel highly honored to have with us today, Sir Knight C. Vernon Eddy, Right Eminent Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment as the personal representative of our leader in Templary, Sir Knight William Catron Gordon, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and later on I will ask him to address you.

With the near approaching termination of this Templar Year, it is my duty to report to you the results of that year — its activities and accomplishments — its failures and disappointments and its hopes for better things to come.

There are again vacancies in our ranks as many here and throughout our cherished land have answered the Final Roll Call. It is with deep regret that I must record the passing of Sir Knight Luther L. Weller, Grand Prelate, who answered the final call to arms by our Great Creator on July 7, 1954. We all appreciate the many years of service which this Sir Knight gave so willingly to Templary. His virtues linger in our memory, and the recollection of his finer qualities is a consolation in this hour.

At this time we will suspend and listen to the Report of the Committee on Necrology.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

October 30, 1954

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Members of this Annual Conclave:

Sir Knights:

Your Committee on Necrology presents its Annual Report for the year, November 1, 1953 to August 31, 1954:

The Records note the departure of one of our beloved officers of this Grand Commandery, Eminent and the Reverend Luther L. Weller, Past Commander of Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34, and Grand Prelate. God rest the soul of this good soldier of Jesus Christ!

Recorded also is the departure of thirty other Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and thirty-nine Past Grand Commanders of other Grand Jurisdictions, and three Grand Officers of other Jurisdictions.

Our brother Knights, who have passed over The Great Divide and whom we mourn, have reached the goal of their earthly pilgrimage. They have fulfilled their vows as warriors for God and the Right. They have obeyed the call to penitence. In remembrance of great and noble servants of God and mankind they have participated in the sacrament of the last earthly communion. In this sacred Action, they have sealed their faith and borne witness that our death is the way to Immortality.

We, their Fraters, here remaining, cherish the memory of these beloved Sir Knights in our hearts and commend their souls to God who gave them. May they rest in peace, awaiting the dawn of the new Day, and may the Light perpetually shine upon their path as they progress onward and upward in the life of the world to come!

To all who mourn our beloved Sir Knights, whom we remember this day and whose names are appended hereto and made a part thereof, we offer the Knightly sympathy of all the Members of this Grand Commandery and the comfort of the Templar Faith. Together we look forward to the time when God's will is done in the final reunion of all souls, and we shall be with the Blessed Emmanuel and partake of the Fruit of the Vine in the Kingdom of God. To that end we bless ourselves with the sign of the Cross in which we shall conquer.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

REVEREND FRANK B. CRANDALL
Grand Prelate
Committee on Necrology

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

Commandery	*Past Commander*	*Date of Death*
Boston No. 2	John B. DeKorte	April 22, 1954
Boston No. 2	Francis E. Homer	July 20, 1954
Newburyport No. 3	Charles F. A. Hall	July 30, 1954
De Molay No. 7	Fred Marion Goodwin	Dec. 26, 1953
De Molay No. 7	Everett C. Cary	July 22, 1954
Holy Sepulchre No. 8	Harry M. Newberry	July 30, 1954
Holy Sepulchre No. 8	Arthur Whitehead	July 18, 1954
Calvary No. 13	William W. Hunt	Dec. 18, 1953
Haverhill No. 14	Fred Howard Crockett	Mar. 15, 1954
Haverhill No. 14	George E. Durgin	Dec. 28, 1954
Sutton No. 16	John Howland Holt	Nov. 26, 1953
Sutton No. 16	Walter C. Hutchings	Jan. 27, 1954
Winslow Lewis No. 18	Horace E. Hulett	Nov. 11, 1953
St. Omer No. 21	Charles Washington Pike	Jan. 9, 1954
Berkshire No. 22	Leman H. Lowe	Dec. 13, 1953
Berkshire No. 22	Frank Samuel Whitney	May 25, 1954
Connecticut Valley No. 23	Frank George Roeder	Aug. 12, 1954
Connecticut Valley No. 23	Lyle E. Oakes	Sept. 2, 1954
Bristol No. 29	Joseph H. Williams	June 18, 1954
Bristol No. 29	Harry Edwin Litchfield	Aug. 20, 1954
Natick No. 33	Stanley E. Clapp	Aug. 23, 1953
Natick No. 33	Charles Augustus Heath	Mar. 26, 1954
Coeur de Lion No. 34	Luther L. Weller	July 7, 1954
Gethsemane No. 35	Albert Edward Rust	June 5, 1954
Olivet No. 36	Walter Erving Furbush	June 18, 1954
Athol No. 37	James G. Sisson	June 3, 1954
Beauseant No. 41	Thomas Nelson McKenzie	Feb. 28, 1954
Cambridge No. 42	Harry E. Emmons, Jr.	Dec. 8, 1953
Bethlehem No. 43	Gordon Moore	Feb. 12, 1954
Orange No. 45	Edgar Everett Sampson	Dec. 10, 1953
Sir Galahad	George Hopkins	Mar. 23, 1954

DECEASED PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

State		*Date of Death*
Arkansas	R∴E∴Sir Jarvis Quillin Lane	April 3, 1954
Arizona	R∴E∴Sir James Westwood Fraser	Feb. 22, 1954
	R∴E∴Sir George Harlow Voller	Jan. 13, 1954
Connecticut	R∴E∴Sir Clayton Wells Rowley	Nov. 6, 1953
Florida	R∴E∴Sir Harry L. Brown	Feb. 23, 1954
Iowa	R∴E∴Sir Charles Clarence Petty	Jan. 21, 1954
Kansas	R∴E∴Sir Clayton Lehman	Mar. 6, 1954
Maine	R∴E∴Sir Walter Phillip Dow	Feb. 14, 1954
	R∴E∴Sir John L. Tewksbury	Aug. 30, 1954
Michigan	R∴E∴Sir Howard D. Caukin	Dec. 15, 1953
	R∴E∴Sir Charles Alfred Hugh Thom	June 1, 1954
Mississippi	R∴E∴Sir Karl Brittain	Feb. 19, 1954
	R∴E∴Sir Joshua Rice Williams	Nov. 26, 1953
Montana	R∴E∴Sir Ralph Nicholas Lodge	Jan. 25, 1954
Nebraska	R∴E∴Sir Carroll D. Evans, Jr.	Sept. 2, 1954
	R∴E∴Sir Theodore J. Kerr	Sept. 8, 1954
New Mexico	R∴E∴Sir Charles A. Wheelon	Jan. 21, 1954
Nevada	R∴E∴Sir Charles H. Gorman	Dec. 11, 1953
North Dakota	R∴E∴Sir Elmer Larson	July 11, 1954
	R∴E∴Sir Wilson Lawson Richards	Nov. 27, 1953
	R∴E∴Sir Henry W. Wilson	Feb. 10, 1954

Oregon	R∴E∴Sir Clyde Marshall McKay	June 16, 1954
Pennsylvania	R∴E∴Sir Arthur S. Rodeniser	Sept. 6, 1954
	R∴E∴Sir Harry A. Walmer	Jan. 25, 1954
South Dakota	R∴E∴Sir Frank W. Medberry	Jan. 8, 1954
	R∴E∴Sir Eli M. Morehouse	July 8, 1954
	R∴E∴Sir Arthur B. McKeel	Sept. 2, 1954
Tennessee	R∴E∴Sir William Franklin Dickey	July 20, 1954
Texas	R∴E∴Sir Livingston Gardner Hawkins	Oct. 9, 1954
	R∴E∴Sir Tell Victor McCoy	Mar. 29, 1954
	R∴E∴Sir Omar Ernest Radford	Sept. 10, 1954
Vermont	R∴E∴Sir C. Forrest Dowe	Mar. 19, 1954
Virginia	R∴E∴Sir Edward Rowell Fuller	April 20, 1954
	R∴E∴Sir Thomas J. Nottingham	June 6, 1954
Washington	R∴E∴Sir Edgar LaVega Boone	May 28, 1954
	R∴E∴Sir William Howard Searing	June 8, 1954
	R∴E∴Sir Wesley Clarke Stone	Feb. 18, 1954
Wyoming	R∴E∴Sir William Pugh	Feb. 26, 1954
	R∴E∴Sir John Harmon Watson	Jan. 15, 1954

DECEASED GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Sir Knight William Henry Chilton, Em. Grand Captain General, New York	April 5, 1954
Sir Knight Roy Albertus Larrick, Grand Captain General, Virginia	Dec. 30, 1953
Sir Knight Joseph V. Webster, Grand Captain of the Guard, Nebraska	Jan. 2, 1954

THE TEMPLAR

We have tried to keep all informed of what was going on in Commandery Circles through the medium of *The Templar* which was published during the year and augmented by a statistical sheet by Right Eminent Sir Frank H. Wilson, Chairman of the New Membership and Publicity Committee, which gave the standings and progress of each Commandery in its efforts to fill its Membership Quota.

I hope that the news items and messages were of interest and *The Templar* will be continued by your New Grand Commander.

I would suggest that when the Commandery Officers have finished reading their copies that they make them available to the other Sir Knights of their respective Commanderies.

I wish, at this time, to express my thanks to Right Eminent Sir George A. Weeks and Right Eminent Sir Frank H. Wilson for their assistance and cooperation in the publication of *The Templar*.

MEMBERSHIP

For the Seventh straight year, this Grand Jurisdiction can report a NET GAIN in Membership.

In 1948, the Net Gain was 190; 1949 the Net Gain was 173; 1950 the Net Gain was 465; 1951 the Net Gain was 212; 1952 the Net Gain was 316; 1953 the Net Gain was 185 and this year (1953-1954) ending June 30, 1954 the Net Gain was 115.

Total petitions received during the year (1953-1954) was 800 or 230 less than in 1952 and 23 more than in 1953.

We knighted 676, Affiliated 22 and Re-instated 24, and our Total Membership today is 14,572.

A complete detailed Report will be given by our Membership Committee later in our meeting today.

INSPECTION

Each Commandery held its Annual Inspection in accordance with the schedule as assigned.

At my officers' meeting, I instructed my Division Commanders *that* no Commandery was required to do the Full Order of the Temple on the night of Inspection, and *that* if any Commandery did so, it would be by their request and no credit could be given on their mark for the extra work done.

Two Commanderies; Boston Commandery No. 2, K.T., and Bay State Commandery No. 38, K.T., worked the complete Order of the Temple.

The Time Schedule was as follows:

6:00 P.M.	Full Form Opening
6:30 P.M.	Recess for Dinner
7:45 P.M.	Form Lines, Official Count, Inspection and Review, Continuation of the Work — starting with the Fifth Libation Triangle Formation, through the Knighting and Banners.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to each Division Commander for his cooperation during the Past Grand Commandery Year.

MARKING

The Division Commanders used the following Group System for marking:

10 minus	975–1000
9 plus	930– 975
9	900– 930
9 minus	875– 900
8 plus	840– 875
8	800– 840
8 minus	All below 800

The Mark was based on candidates, social events, Church attendance, public appearances, elimination of outstanding dues, and other worthy achievements which are all part of a successful Templar Year.

A Commandery which shows a Net Loss in Membership for the Templar Year cannot be considered as satisfactory.

CITATIONS
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Grand Commandery realizes that a Commandery should be rewarded for Outstanding Activities such as increasing their Membership, Social Gatherings, and any other activity that will benefit Templary and thus make for a more successful year.

Citations are given "In recognition and appreciation of outstanding achievements" which stand as a mark of distinction in Promotional Activities during our year ending June 30, 1954.

I take pleasure, at this time, in making the following presentations to the following Commanderies:

Boston Commandery No. 2, K.T., Em. Sir James C. Bayley, Commander for the highest number of petitions received, 72.

De Molay Commandery No. 7, K.T., Em. Sir Ralph E. Noble for the highest number of knightings, 52.

Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20, K.T., Em. Sir Frederick Tebbetts, Commander for the highest number of knightings, 52 with the highest net gain of 42.

Natick Commandery No. 33, K.T., Em. Sir John M. Tassey, Commander for receiving the highest percent of their quota 256.0% with a Net Gain of 17.8% to membership.

Connecticut Valley Commandery No. 23, K.T., Em. Sir Alfred D. Varley, Commander for being 2nd for receiving 244% of their quota with a Net Gain of 15.1% to membership.

HONORABLE MENTION

Many of our Commanderies deserve Honorable Mention for obtaining their Quotas of Petitions as set-up by the Membership Committee at the beginning of our Commandery Year.

Last year there were 17 Commanderies to exceed their Quotas. This year there were 20 that either reached or exceeded their Quotas.

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Sir Knights of these 20 Commanderies for their efforts in taking up the challenge of fulfilling their obligation to practice Templary as exemplified by the teachings of the Great Captain of our Salvation.

TACTICS

At a Special Meeting of your Tactics Committee it was the unanimous opinion of the members that changes should be made in our Tactics on Pages 104 and 105. These changes are made to clarify the two words *in tierce* and *in quarte* in *cuts or parries* and *to form arch of steel.*

These changes are covered in my Official Order No. 4 issued under date of August 5, 1954 to be effective upon receipt of my Order.

These full changes will be reported later in the Tactics Committee's Report.

VISITATIONS

I have filled 140 engagements during the year including Inspections and should any one be interested, the so called "Grand Commander's Log" will be on file in the Grand Recorder's Office but it will not be printed in our Proceedings.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I am greatly indebted to the Most Worshipful Grand Masters, Thomas Sherrard Roy and Whitfield Whittemore Johnson, the Presiding Heads of the York Rite Bodies, and Scottish Rite Bodies and the Shrine for their delightful hospitality and the many courtesies shown to me during my term of office. There were many invitations, both inside and outside of our Jurisdiction, which I had to decline because of conflicting dates.

LADIES NIGHT

Through the courtesy of the Past Commanders' Association on their Ladies' Night, the members of the Past Grand Commanders' Ladies' Association, were privileged to enjoy a very fine dinner and entertainment as guests of this Grand Commandery. The affair took place on April 30 in the Banquet Room of the Masonic Temple.

My thanks to the Past Commanders' Association for this courtesy.

PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES

In order to comply with General Order No. 6, issued by the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, which Ordered:

1. That the Grand Commander appoint in each Jurisdiction, a Grand Commandery Committee on Patriotic Activities.
2. That, under the direction of the Committee appointed in the Grand Commandery, there be a similar Committee in each Constituent Commandery.

I appointed Very Eminent Sir Kenneth H. Earle, Deputy Grand Commander, as Chairman of this Committee, and all Division Commanders are members of the Committee. Like Committees were appointed in each Constituent Commandery.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND GOOD CHEER

Official Order No. 1, under date of November 1, 1953 requesting contributions for the purpose of carrying "Good Cheer and Good Will" into the homes of the needy, was sent to each of our Constituent Commanderies.

Forty-eight Commanderies contributed a total this year of $8,712.47 which is $385.33 less than 1952, although we had an increase of 185 Sir Knights in our membership.

Many Commanderies did not avail themselves of Official Order No. 1, issued on November 1, 1953 — Annual Christmas and Good Cheer Offering — which is a direct appeal from the Grand Commander to all the Sir Knights of our jurisdiction to make a contribution to this worthy cause. Since the beginning of this Christmas Activity in 1931, we have collected and expended $135,416.40, but our collection for 1953 was still short of our quota of $1.00 per each Sir Knight. (A Complete summary of the contributions will be found in Official Order No. 3, Series 1953-1954).

ANNUAL EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America held its 24th Annual Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Service in Arlington National Cemetery located directly across the Potomac River in Virginia opposite the District of Columbia on Easter Sunday Morning.

The address of the occasion was delivered by the Reverend E. Robert Chable, Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of New York. Music was furnished by the United States Marine Band.

After the service, the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia sponsored a breakfast at the Washington Hotel.

FINANCES

Article VIII, Section 5 of the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island requires: "That a Grand Commander keep his expenditures within the Budget as submitted by the Finance Committee and adopted by this Grand Commandery."

I have tried, during the past year, with the increased cost of Printing, Postage, Telephone and Rent to administer the office of Grand Commandery in an economical and efficient manner and thus keep within my Budget as approved by this Grand Commandery on October 30, 1953. I am pleased to report that this has been accomplished.

The Auditor's and Grand Treasurer's Report shows a balance of $1,363.93 left unexpended. As 1955 is the Triennial Year, this will call for additional expenditures.

I therefore recommend that: $250.00 of the unexpended balance be transferred to the Triennial Fund.

YORK RITE NITES

There were several York Rite Nites held during the past year. I feel that these gatherings are of great benefit to all York Rite Bodies and that they should be continued throughout our Grand Jurisdiction.

With the above thought in mind, I appointed the following Committee:

Right Eminent Sir Frank H. Wilson
Right Eminent Sir George A. Weeks
Eminent Sir Clarence E. Booth

to meet with similar Committees appointed in the Grand Council, and the Grand Chapter, and to formulate plans which would be advantageous to all the York Rite Bodies in Massachusetts. The Committee has held several meetings, and has formed "The York Rite Committee of Massachusetts."

I feel that the above Committee can do much for the Chapter, Council and Commanderies in our Jurisdiction. This Committee will report later in the day.

"TEMPLAR NIGHT AT THE POPS"

On June 8, 1954, a "Templar Night at the Pops" was again sponsored by the Eastern Presiding Councils Club with Em. Sir James C. Bayley, Commander of Boston Commandery No. 2 K.T. as President and Em. Sir William A. Mann, Past Commander of Gethsemane Commandery No. 35 K.T., as General Chairman.

The "Pops Night" has been the means of raising funds for donations to Templar Activities and other worthy causes.

I consider the "Pops Night" a worthy undertaking and activities of this type warrant the support of each Sir Knight.

RECEPTIONS

On November 8, 1953, I was the guest of Eminent Sir and Reverend Luther L. Weller, our Grand Prelate, at a dinner and reception given in my honor at his home in Lexington. About 14 guests, including the ladies, were present and all expressed, to Sir Knight Weller, their thanks and appreciation for a very fine evening.

At the Stated Conclave of Calvary Commandery No. 13 K.T., November 17, 1953, we were highly honored and I had as my guests Right Eminent Sir Alton S. Johnson, Sr., Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Maine, and Right Eminent Sir John Masterton, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Connecticut. We, three presiding Grand Commanders, took part in the Ritual of the Fifth Libation at the Apex of the Triangle, the candidate being Sir Knight Philip S. Webber who was the "star candidate for November."

To the best of my knowledge this event was unprecedented in the annals of Calvary Commandery No. 13 K.T. An inquiry has failed to bring to light a similar happening in any other Commandery.

On November 23, 1953, Mrs. Taft and I attended a reception in my honor at Johnson's Hummocks Grill where nearly all the Grand Commandery Officers and their Ladies were present. A very fine dinner and entertainment were enjoyed and I was presented with a very fine two-suiter case.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

I wish to express my sincere thanks for Honorary Memberships in the following bodies:

St. John's Commandery No. 1 K.T., Providence, Rhode Island
Palestine Commandery No. 10 K.T., Chelsea, Massachusetts
Sutton Commandery No. 16 K.T., New Bedford, Massachusetts
Jerusalem Commandery No. 19 K.T., Fitchburg, Massachusetts
Connecticut Valley Commandery No. 23 K.T., Greenfield, Mass.
Narragansett Commandery No. 27 K.T., Westerly, Rhode Island
Bristol Commandery No. 29 K.T., Attleboro, Massachusetts
St. Andrew Commandery No. 49 K.T., Holyoke, Massachusetts

THOMAS SMITH WEBB MEDALS

During 1953–1954, Nineteen Commanderies presented 103 Thomas Smith Webb Medals to 40 year veterans. It is a distinction and an honor to wear a Thomas Smith Webb Medal, which medal was adopted by this Grand Commandery in honor of Thomas Smith Webb, who together with five other Sir Knights, organized this Grand Commandery on May 6, 1805.

Following is a List of presentations made during the current Templar Year 1953–1954:

St. John's Commandery No. 1	1
Holy Sepulchre Commandery No. 8	8
Pilgrim Commandery No. 9	6
Palestine Commandery No. 10	2
Milford Commandery No. 11	2
Calvary Commandery No. 13	6
Sutton Commandery No. 16	4
Winslow Lewis Commandery No. 18	8
Jerusalem Commandery No. 19	12
St. Omer Commandery No. 21	18
Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 25	4
Joseph Warren Commandery No. 26	3
Northampton Commandery No. 30	6
Trinity Commandery No. 32	4
Bay State Commandery No. 38	4

Cyprus Commandery No. 39	4
Quincy Commandery No. 47	5
St. Andrew Commandery No. 49	1
Sir Galahad Commandery No. 52	5
Total	103

DISPENSATIONS TO RECEIVE PETITIONS AND BALLOT ON SAME AT THE SAME CONCLAVE OR SPECIAL CONCLAVE

In accordance with the specific powers granted to the Grand Commandery in Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Commandery to permit Constituent Commanderies to receive petitions and ballot therein at the same Conclave after such notice as he may deem proper, I granted 34 for Conclaves.

Dispensation issued during 1953-1954 to receive and ballot upon petitions at the same Conclave were:

No. of Petitions		
2	October 19, 1953	Boston Commandery No. 2
1	October 26, 1953	De Molay Commandery No. 7
1	October 26, 1953	Springfield Commandery No. 6
1	November 9, 1953	Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20
1	November 9, 1953	De Molay Commandery No. 7
1	December 22, 1953	De Molay Commandery No. 7
3	January 4, 1954	Palestine Commandery No. 10
1	January 4, 1954	Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46
1	January 11, 1954	Palestine Commandery No. 10
3	January 14, 1954	De Molay Commandery No. 7
4	January 19, 1954	Boston Commandery No. 2
1	January 19, 1954	Calvary Commandery No. 13
2	January 26, 1954	Gethsemane Commandery No. 35
1	January 26, 1954	De Molay Commandery No. 7
1	January 28, 1954	Bethlehem Commandery No. 43
3	February 11, 1954	St. John's Commandery No. 1
1	February 23, 1954	Old Colony Commandery No. 15
4	February 26, 1954	Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46
1	March 4, 1954	Sir Galahad Commandery No. 52
1	March 8, 1954	Sir Galahad Commandery No. 52
1	March 12, 1954	Palestine Commandery No. 10
1	April 5, 1954	Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20
1	April 12, 1954	Jerusalem Commandery No. 19
6	April 20, 1954	Calvary Commandery No. 13
11	May 10, 1954	Boston Commandery No. 2
2	May 10, 1954	Gethsemane Commandery No. 35
5	May 17, 1954	De Molay Commandery No 7.
1	May 24, 1954	Temple Commandery No. 48
1	May 24, 1954	Old Colony Commandery No. 15

1	June 1, 1954	Reading Commandery No. 50
4	June 15, 1954	Calvary Commandery No. 13
7	June 18, 1954	De Molay Commandery No. 7
11	June 23, 1954	Boston Commandery No. 2
2	September 16, 1954	Springfield Commandery No. 6

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED FOR OTHER PURPOSES

September 1, 1953 — Bristol Commandery No. 29 to hold a Special Election for the office of Senior Warden and such other officers as may be necessary.

September 15, 1953 — De Molay Commandery No. 7 to appear in public at the Public Installation of the Roslindale Royal Arch Chapter.

September 29, 1953 — Orange Commandery No. 45 to hold a Special Election for the office of Junior Warden.

October 5, 1953 — Berkshire Commandery No. 22 to hold a Special Conclave in the Masonic Temple, Great Barrington for the Purpose of conferring the Order of the Temple.

November 4, 1953 — Springfield Commandery No. 6 to appear in public at Roswell Lee Lodge A.F. & A.M. for the Public Installation of Officers.

December 23, 1953 — Milford Commandery No. 11 to hold their Stated Conclave in the Masonic Apartments of Mount Hollis Lodge, Holliston, Mass., for the purpose of conferring the Orders of Knighthood.

February 4, 1954 — St. Omer Commandery No. 21 to hold a Special Election for the Office of Recorder, and the Election and Installation of a Director of the Masonic Apartments.

February 4, 1954 — South Shore Commandery No. 31 to hold a Special Election and Installation for the Office of Senior Warden.

April 2, 1954 — Springfield Commandery No. 6 to attend a meeting of the Order of De Molay.

April 14, 1954 — To all Providence Commanderies to participate in the Parade preceding the Out-Door Installation of Doric Chapter, Order of De Molay.

June 1, 1954 — Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51 to appear in public and act as Escort for the various Bodies of Masonry during the Cranston Bi-Centennial Parade.

June 3, 1954 — Calvary Commandery No. 13 to appear in public and act as an Escort for the various Bodies of Masonry during the Bi-Centennial Parade in Cranston.

June 23, 1954 — Bay State Commandery No 38 to hold a Special Election for the Office of Recorder.

July 16, 1954 — Winslow Lewis Commandery No. 18 to hold a Special Election for the Offices of Senior and Junior Wardens.

August 2, 1954 — Temple Commandery No. 46 K.T., to hold a Special Election for the Offices of Junior and Senior Wardens.

August 27, 1954 — Orange Commandery No. 45 K.T., to hold a Special Election for the Office of Captain General.

August 27, 1954 — Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46 K.T., to hold their Stated Conclave on September 2, 1954 in the new Masonic Temple, Temple St., Gardner, Mass.

September 7, 1954 — St. Johns Commandery No. 1 K.T., to hold their Stated Conclave in the Shrine Club, 46 Aborn St., Providence, Rhode Island on Tuesday, September 7, 1954 at 7:30 p.m.

September 9, 1954 — Sir Galahad Commandery No. 52 K.T., to hold a Special Election for the Offices of Junior and Senior Wardens at their Stated Conclave on September 20, 1954.

September 13, 1954 — Calvary Commandery No. 13 K.T., to hold their Stated Conclave in St. Andrew's Temple, 18 Turner Avenue, Riverside, Rhode Island on Tuesday, September 21, 1954.

September 22, 1954 — Quincy Commandery No. 47 K.T., to hold a Special Election for the office of Generalissimo at their Stated Conclave on September 27, 1954.

September 22, 1954 — Narragansett Commandery No. 27 K.T., to hold a Special Conclave in the Masonic Temple, Wakefield, Rhode Island on Saturday, October 16, 1954 for the purpose of conferring the Order of the Temple.

September 27, 1954 — Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 25 K.T., to install the Recorder and such other officers as is necessary at their Stated Conclave on October 20, 1954.

PERMISSION TO INVADE RECEIVED

November 10, 1953 — Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20 K.T., Melrose, Massachusetts to visit Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 19 K.T., Easton, Pennsylvania.

April 12, 1954 — Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20 K.T., Melrose, Massachusetts to visit St. Paul's Commandery, Dover, New Hampshire for the purpose of working the Order of Malta in Full Form.

October 14, 1954 — Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20 K.T., Melrose, Massachusetts to visit Palestine Commandery, Rochester, New Hampshire for the purpose of putting on the Order of Malta in Full Form.

PERMISSION TO INVADE GRANTED

June 18, 1954 — Washington Commandery No. 1 K.T., Hartford, Connecticut to parade with Northampton Commandery No. 30 K.T., Northampton, Massachusetts on the occasion of the 300th Anniversay of the City of Northampton.

COURTESIES RECEIVED

May 13, 1954 — St. Johns Commandery No. 3 K.T., Bangor, Maine conferred the Orders of Knighthood upon Companion Charles Augustine Foley for Bethany Commandery No. 17 K.T., Lawrence, Massachusetts.

June 14, 1954 — Colorado Commandery No. 1 K.T., Denver, Colorado conferred the Orders of Knighthood upon Companion Franklin Wellington Baumgartner for Jerusalem Commandery No. 19 K.T., Fitchburg, Mass.

June 29, 1954 — Lubbock Commandery No. 60 K.T., Lubbock, Texas conferred the Orders of Knighthood upon Companion George Lucas, Jr., for Boston Commandery No. 2 K.T., Boston, Mass.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED

December 4, 1953 — Wyoming, V∴E∴Sir Kenneth H. Earle, Past Commander of St. Johns Commandery No. 1 K.T., Providence, Rhode Island and Deputy Grand Commander as their Grand Representative near this Grand Jurisdiction.

November 4, 1953 — West Virginia, R∴E∴Sir Harrie M. Taft, Past Commander of Calvary Commandery No. 13 K.T., Providence, Rhode Island, and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T., of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, as their Grand Representative near this Grand Jurisdiction.

January 14, 1954 — Nevada, Em. Sir Alexander Campbell, Past Commander of St. Omer Commandery No. 21 K.T., Dorchester, Massachusetts as their Grand Representative near this Grand Jurisdiction.

August 30, 1954 — Minnesota, Em. Sir Thomas A. Booth, Past Commander of Sutton Commandery No. 16 K.T., New Bedford, Massachusetts and Grand Captain General of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island as their Grand Representative near this Grand Jurisdiction.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED

June 10, 1954 — New Hampshire, Sir Kt., Ray E. Follansbee as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near that Grand Jurisdiction.

RELEASE OF JURISDICTION RECEIVED

November 6, 1953 — Washington Commandery No. 1 K.T., Hartford, Connecticut granted a Release of Jurisdiction over Companion George Eaton Sargent to Springfield Commandery No. 6 K.T., Springfield, Massachusetts.

November 29, 1953 — Delta Commandery No. 26, Newark, N. J., granted a Release of Jurisdiction over Roland Sibley Amos to Jerusalem Commandery No. 19 K.T., Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

June 7, 1954 — St. George Commandery, Nashua, New Hampshire granted a Release of Jurisdiction over Kingdon H. Hamilton to Haverhill Commandery No. 14 K.T., Haverhill, Mass.

RELEASE OF JURISDICTION GRANTED

April 7, 1954 — Springfield Commandery No. 6 K.T., Springfield, Massachusetts granted a Release of Jurisdiction over Companion Clifford David McQuade to receive the Orders of Knighthood in Beauseant Commandery No. 7 K.T., of Brattleboro, Vermont.

CONCLUSION

The years that I have spent, while passing through the Line of the Grand Commandery, have been very greatly enjoyed. They have afforded me the finest type of real comradeship, and I am under a lasting gratitude to the Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction for their confidence in electing me from year to year and finally honoring me with the Office of Grand Commander.

With the utmost confidence in him who will soon take over the command of this Grand Commandery, and the other line officers, who have given me their loyal support, and I know will give the same devotion to duty under his leadership, they will be able to arouse and incite the officers and members of the Constituent Commanderies in this Grand Jurisdiction to press forward with a renewed zeal to overcome and surmount all failures. And I have the utmost confidence that Charity and Hospitality will continue to be the grand characteristics of this Order of Christian Knighthood and will be pressing onward and upward to conquer in the sign of the Cross of Christ.

I would like to express, in my humble way, my thanks and appreciation for the wonderful help and cooperation shown to me by the staff of the Grand Commandery Office: Right Eminent Sir George A. Weeks, Grand Recorder, Right Eminent Sir A. Kenneth Martin, Grand Treasurer, and Miss Dorothy M. Fowler, Secretary. This staff has always been ready with helpful suggestions and advice that helped to make the rough places smoother.

The time and effort in this work is more than compensated for in the wonderful friendships that have come to me and which, please the Lord, shall remain with me as long as I live.

"Somewhere grows, I know just where
A plant — FRIENDSHIP — sweet and rare:
And it bears good deeds the whole year through,
For it blooms in the hearts of each of you."

Courteously submitted,

HARRIE M. TAFT
Grand Commander

October 30, 1954.

R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks: R∴E∴Sir, may I at this time address a motion to the Deputy Grand Commander?

Deputy Grand Commander, I move you, Sir, that the report of the R∴E∴Grand Commander be accepted, the recommendations adopted, and spread on the records.

R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin: Second.

V∴E∴Sir Kenneth H. Earle: The motion is made and seconded that the report be accepted, spread on the records, and the recommendations adopted. All in favor signify by extending the sword arm. Opposed, the bridle arm. It is a unanimous vote.

The Grand Commander: Now, M∴W∴Grand Master, we would be pleased to have you address us. Sir Knights, attention! Now, I am sure that the Grand Master will allow you to be seated.

M∴W∴Whitfield W. Johnson: R∴E∴Grand Commander, R∴E∴Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment, and Sir Knights. It is with a great deal of personal pleasure and appreciation that I have been received into this Grand Commandery today by my very good friend, our R∴E∴Grand Commander. After all, this is my own Grand Commandery which I served in a very humble capacity as a member of the Jurisprudence Committee. Therefore, I feel highly privileged and honored to be received here as Grand Master.

I suspect that when it was announced that one of the R∴E∴ Brethren was detained at the police station and all the lawyers rushed out, that I perhaps should have rushed out but I hope that those lawyers who did rush out will see that the Brother is duly taken care of.

I also noticed with a good deal of satisfaction — and this is in no way a political address for him whom you might be asked to be given an opportunity to vote for — I noticed that he was very alert to see that our Grand Commander's recommendation for the $250 was included in that vote and I think that speaks very well for the foresight and care with which the Grand Commandery will be administered if he happens to be elected as our Grand Commander.

I feel very keenly the responsibilities of the members of our Commanderies, the Christian Order of Knighthood in our Craft, because it is rather unusual now in our Masonic system to have particular Orders which are restricted to any one particular religious concept. In most of our Masonic Bodies we think of Him whom we refer to as the Blessed Emmanuel as being a Great Teacher, a Great Exemplar of a method of living with our Brethren and our fellowmen; and we are all, I believe, under great obligations as Masons to follow the precepts of the Great Teacher in our relationships with our fellows and our Brethren. If Masons in general who only look upon Him as a Teacher, as an Exemplar of a way of living, if there is an obligation upon them so much more is there an obligation upon us who think of Him in other terms. Therefore, if I were to ask you to do one thing to help us in the Craft, both in Massachusetts and in Rhode Island, it would be to make your influence as Christian Knights felt in your Blue Lodges; and to show to those who do not profess the same beliefs that we do — and there are many — that the teachings of the Blessed Emmanuel as an Exemplar of a way of life can some way be translated into our own individual lives in such a way that those teachings can become an important and a very vigorous force in our Blue Lodges in our Craft Masonry.

Until we are prepared, as I see it, to fully do this job we are not living up to the teachings of the Commandery to which we belong; we are not living up to the teachings of the Church to which we adhere; we are not living up to the overall teachings of our Craft. I am very sure that Masonry does have a great impact in the life of our communities but we must always be on the alert to see that the impact is an impact for the things in which we believe; an impact which carries the message of Masonry to the uninitiated in the way we believe the message of Masonry should be carried to the uninitiated.

For the privilege of being with you and sharing this delightful occasion and for the courtesies you have shown to the office of Grand Master, I thank you very much.

The Grand Commander: Thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, we appreciate those kind words.

During the Conclave, the Grand Commander, Sir Knight Harrie M. Taft, called upon:

Most Illustrious, Eugene B. Hamilton, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts

Most Illustrious, Alfred E. Grant, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island

Most Excellent, Alexander Campbell, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts

Most Excellent, Leland Ramsdell, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island

Illustrious, Gerald F. Zedren, Potentate of Aleppo Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.

who brought greetings of their respective bodies.

Report of the Grand Recorder

Boston, Massachusetts
October 30, 1954

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T.

Sir Knights:

Membership, June 30, 1953		14,457
Gains:		
Admitted	676	
Affiliated	22	
Reinstated	24	
Errors	0	
	722	
Losses:		
Dimitted	109	
Suspended	78	
Deaths	408	
Errors	12	
	607	
Net Gain		115
Membership as of June 30, 1954		14,572

Courteously submitted,

George A. Weeks
Grand Recorder

The Grand Commander: Sir Knights, you have heard the Report of the Grand Recorder. What is your pleasure?

V∴E∴Sir Kenneth H. Earle: Move it be accepted.

E∴Sir Thomas A. Booth: Second the motion.

The Grand Commander: Moved and seconded that the Report of the Grand Recorder be accepted and recorded in the proceedings. All in favor signify by extending the sword arm; opposed, the bridle arm. It is a unanimous vote.

Grand Recorder's Cash Summary
General Fund
Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1954

Arrears Collected	$ 355.18
Per Capita Dues	12,092.39
Candidates' Fees	3,275.00
Thomas Smith Webb Medals	357.50
Diplomas and Engrossing	738.05
Tactics	42.00
Official Order No. 1	145.10
G. E. Constitutions	35.00
Master of Ceremonies Books	6·50
Printing and Postage	.54
Lost Rituals	40.00
Educational Foundation Loan	5,000.00
Interest — Savings Bank	16.25
Telephone	22.66
Funeral Ritual	.25
Conclaves	2,898.25
Laundry	4.50
Office Supplies	2.00
Grand Warder's Jewel	30.25
Total Receipts for Fiscal Year	$25,061.42
Paid to Grand Treasurer	$25,061.42

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted to accept this Report and same to be printed in the Proceedings.

Grand Treasurer's Cash Summary
General Fund
Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1954

September 1, 1953 Balance on Hand	$15,384.09
Received from Grand Recorder during fiscal year	25,061.42
Total	$40,445.51

Expenditures During Fiscal Year

Per Capita Tax	$ 2,240.84
Conclaves	2,861.63
Printing and Postage	1,426.16
Telephone	205.48
Office Supplies	134.48
Audit	150.00
Thomas Smith Webb Medals	281.47
Grand Commander's Fund	500.00
Rent and Light	1,237.50
Inspection — Printing	433.22
Inspection — Expense	360.70
Proceedings	1,150.00
Triennial Appropriation	250.00
Group Meetings	131.37
Lost Rituals	40.00
Bonding and Insurance	245.46
Educational Foundation Loan	5,000.00

Social Security Taxes		$125.03	
Unemployment Taxes		64.92	
Withholding Taxes		297.40	
Salaries:			
Grand Recorder	$1,797.50		
Grand Treasurer	500.00		
Secretary	1,513.00		
	$3,810.50		
Less — S.S. and W.H. Taxes	344.50	$3,466.00	
Miscellaneous		83.23	
Official Order No. 1		85.43	
Laundry		10.50	
Safe Deposit Box Rent		10.80	
Cooler and Service		48.60	
Tactics		16.70	
1954 Conclaves		2,500.00	
Shoulder Straps and Rosette		47.85	
Cleaning Prelate's Robe		10.00	
Venetian Blinds		46.70	
Framing Picture and Citations		21.50	
Flowers		31.90	
Type for Proceedings		56.80	
Grand Commander's Jewel		31.00	23,602.67
August 31, 1954 Balance on Hand			$16,842.84

Represented by:		
First National Bank — Checking Account	$16,342.84	
South Weymouth Savings Bank Account, Book No. 19542	500.00	
Total		$16,842.84

Comparative Income and Expense Statement

Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1954

	Actual	*Budget*	*Balance*
INCOME:			
Per Capita Dues	$12,459.18	$12,360.74	$98.44
Candidates' Fees	3,380.00	3,750.00	*370.00*
Miscellaneous Income	212.67	150.00	62.67
Total Income	$16,051.85	$16,260.74	*$208.89*
EXPENSE:			
Dues — Grand Encampment	$ 2,240.84	$ 2,242.00	$ 1.16
Conclaves — 1954	2,500.00	2,500.00	.....
Proceedings	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....
Printing and Postage	706.07	1,100.00	393.93
Rent and Light	1,362.50	2,125.00	762.50
Inspections	793.92	800.00	6.08
Group Meetings	131.37	200.00	68.63
Bond and Insurance	245.46	300.00	54.54
Salary — Grand Recorder	*1,797.50	1,794.00	*3.50*

Salary — Grand Treasurer	$500.00	$500.00	$.....
Salary — Secretary	*1,513.00	1,508.00	*5.00*
Grand Commander's Fund	500.00	500.00	.....
Triennial 1955	250.00	250.00	.....
Audit	150.00	150.00	.....
Office Supplies	115.52	135.00	19.48
Telephone	182.82	200.00	17.18
Past Grand Commander's Jewel	31.00	50.00	19.00
Miscellaneous and Contingent,	333.13	500.00	166.87
Social Security Taxes and Unemployment Taxes	128.05	200.00	71.95
Total Expense	$14,481.18	$16,054.00	$1,572.82
Direct Appropriation — Proceedings	150.00	150.00	.....
	$14,631.18	$16,204.00	$1,572.82
Net Income	$ 1,420.67	$ 56.74	$1,363.93

*Withholding Tax Adjustment

Triennial Conclave Reserve Account

Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1954

Balance — September 1, 1953 (as per last report)		$ 2,512.22
Add — Appropriation for 1955 Triennial	$ 250.00	
Interest on Savings Account	77.64	327.64
Balance — August 31, 1954		$ 2,839.86
Represented by:		
Deposit in South Boston Savings Bank — Book No. 189482		$ 2,839.86

Educational Foundation Reserve Account

Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1954

Deposit — Boston Penny Savings Bank Book No. 205959	$ 5,814.00
U. S. Government Bond — Series G, Due April 1, 1955 No. 6604 (Registered)	5,000.00
Total Educational Foundation Reserve (As per last report)	$10,814.00

Carrie E. Seitz Fund

Balance — September 1, 1953 — Principal	$ 4,536.13	
Interest	191.57	
Total of Fund		$ 4,727.70
Deduct — Interest Withdrawal for Grant		200.00
		$4.527.70

Add — Interest on Savings Account		151.38
Balance — August 31, 1954 — Principal	$ 4,536.13	
Interest	142.95	
Total of Fund		$ 4,679.08
Represented by:		
Deposit in South Weymouth Savings Bank — Book No. 22847.		$ 4,679.08

GENERAL FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT AUGUST 31, 1954

ASSETS

Cash — General Account:		
First National Bank of Boston	$16,342.84	
South Weymouth Savings Bank — Book No. 19542	500.00	$16,842.84
Special Account:		
Weymouth Savings Bank — Book No. 44989		1,275.82
Petty Cash		25.00
Accounts Receivable — Commanderies		471.79
Furniture and Fixtures		861.61
Past Grand Commander's Jewels		100.00
Inventories — Diplomas	$ 158.50	
Thomas Smith Webb Medals	47.05	
Office Supplies	369.56	575.11
Total Assets		$20,152.17

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Withholding Tax	$ 35.70	
Social Security and Unemployment Taxes	41.90	
Accrued Expense	375.00	
St. George Commandery Reserve	1,275.82	
Total Liabilities		$ 1,728.42
Net Worth — September 1, 1953	$17,003.08	
Add — Excess of Income (Exhibit "C")	1,420.67	
Net Worth — August 31, 1954		18,423.75
Total Liabilities and Net Worth		$20,152.17
Conclave Account — Wildey Savings Bank Book No. 191833		$ 2,442.05

Boston, Mass., Oct. 30, 1954

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights:

Sir Knights:

The Funds of St. George Commandery No. 44, Beverly, Massachusetts are located in the Weymouth Savings Bank, Weymouth, Massachusetts, Book No. 44989 on Interest.

Receipts on hand October 31, 1953	$1,238.41
Interest	37.41
Balance on Hand October 30, 1954	$1,275.82

Courteously yours,

A. KENNETH MARTIN,
Grand Treasurer

September 10, 1954

GENERAL FUND

AUDITOR'S REPORT AND CERTIFICATE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1954

I have examined the books and records of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1954, and present the various summaries of cash transactions, the comparative income and expense statement for the fiscal year, and the general fund balance sheet as at August 31, 1954.

Exhibit A — Grand Recorder's Cash Summary
Exhibit B — Grand Treasurer's Cash Summary
Exhibit C — Comparative Income and Expense Statement
Exhibit D — Triennial Conclave Reserve
Exhibit E — Educational Foundation Reserve
Exhibit F — Carrie E. Seitz Fund
Exhibit G — General Fund Balance Sheet as at August 31, 1954

In Exhibit "C," the figures of the approved budget plus the direct appropriation for the added cost of the proceedings have been presented in comparative form with the actual items of income and expense.

The actual income for the year was $208.89 less than the budgeted income, while the actual expense was $1,572.82 less than the budgeted expense plus the direct appropriation. For the year, the actual income exceeded the actual expense by $1,420.67. The net worth at the start of the fiscal year has been increased by this amount.

In the course of the examination, cancelled checks and approved vouchers for disbursements were presented and examined. Cash balances were reconciled with the bank statements and confirmed by the various depositaries, amounts due on various Commandery returns were compared with amounts received and receipts were checked to the Grand Treasurer's bank account. The statistics on the returns were checked to the Grand Recorder's summary.

The petty cash fund was verified by count. The unpaid accounts receivable are shown in the balance sheet.

The savings bank books and other contents of the safe deposit box were checked in the presence of George A. Weeks, Grand Recorder, and A. Kenneth Martin, Grand Treasurer.

The amount appropriated by Grand Commandery for the conclaves of the current year was transferred from the General Fund to a savings bank account, No. 191833, at the Wildey Savings Bank. The balance of this item at the balance sheet date is shown as a footnote on Exhibit G.

Various inventories and liabilities for accrued taxes have been adjusted as of August 31, 1954.

I hereby certify that the appended exhibits, in my opinion, fairly present the financial transactions of the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer, relating to the General Fund for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1954 and the state of the fund as at that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HURLBUT L. PLUMMER
Certified Public Accountant

Upon Motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the Reports of the Grand Treasurer and Auditor and these reports be printed in the Proceedings.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We will now have the Report of the Trustees of the Grand Fund.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND FUND
FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1954

To the Officers and Members of Grand Commandery:

Sir Knights:

The Trustees of the Grand Fund present herewith the report for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1954 in the appended exhibits:

Exhibit A—Income and Expense Statement for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1954.

Exhibit B—Balance Sheet as of August 31, 1954.

Exhibit C—Schedule of Bonds, Stocks and Savings Bank Deposits as of August 31, 1954.

The accounts have been audited and the securities examined by Em. Sir Hurlbut L. Plummer, Certified Public Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees of the Grand Fund

ARCHIBALD T. MEIKLE, *Chairman*
JOHN E. RINES
HAROLD S. CROCKER

GRAND FUND
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1954
EXHIBIT "A"

INCOME:		
Interest on Bonds — As per Exhibit "C"	$ 861.50	
Dividends — Other Securities — Exhibit "C"	2,225.30	
Interest on Savings Bank Deposits — Exhibit "C"	310.75	
Total Income for Year		$ 3,397.55
EXPENSE:		
Rental of Safe Deposit Box	$ 13.20	
Audit Fee	40.00	
Total Expense for Year		53.20
Net Income for Year		$ 3,344.35

GRAND FUND
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT AUGUST 31, 1954
EXHIBIT "B"
PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

ASSETS		
Deposits in Mass. Savings Banks (Exhibit "C")	$14,670.15	
Bonds at Book Value (Exhibit "C")	26,100.00	
Bank and Other Securities (Exhibit "C")	40,434.34	
Total Assets		$81,204.49
September 1, 1953 — Balance of Principal Account		$73,589.15
Add — Gain on Nat. City Bank, N. Y. Sold		2,866.61
Gain on New York Trust Co. Sold		1,404.38
Grand Fund Income 1953–1954		3,344.35
August 31, 1954 — Balance of Principal Account		$81,204.49

GRAND FUND

Schedule of Bonds, Stocks and Savings Deposits
As at August 31, 1954

EXHIBIT "C"

Par	*Bonds*	*Book Value*	*Income for Year*
$7,000	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. 4% 10/1/95	$ 7,000.00	$ 280.00
4,000	Boston & Maine R.R. Income "A" 4½% 1970	4,000.00	180.00
1,600	Boston & Maine R.R. 1st Mtg. 4% 1960	1,600.00	64.00
7,500	U.S. Savings Bonds, Ser. "G" 2½% Aug. '60	7,500.00	187.50
6,000	U. S. Savings Bonds, Ser. "G" 2½% Jan. '57	6,000.00	150.00
		$26,100.00	$ 861.50

Shares	*Stocks*		
100	Chase National Bank	$ 3,500.00	$ 200.00
110	Chemical Bank & Trust Company	3,500.00	215.00
108	First National Bank of Boston	3,878.94	255.20
50	United Fruit Company	2,875.09	175.00
	Boston Federal Savings & Loan	3,000.00	90.00
50	New York Trust Co. (Sold Nov. 6, '53)	.....	62.50
121	National City Bank, N. Y. (Sold Nov. 6, '53)	.....	60.50
50	Sterling Drug Company	2,005.73	100.00
35	American Tobacco Company	2,144.59	147.00
70	Pacific Lighting Corp.	1,808.83	140.00
25	F. W. Woolworth Corp.	1,084.86	62.50
55	Union Oil Co. of California	1,843.30	113.00
300	Massachusetts Investors Trust	5,868.00	284.60
100	Peoples First National Bank & Trust of Pittsburgh	4,550.00	165.00
100	Pennslyvania Co. Bank & Trust	4,375.00	155.00
		$40,434.34	$ 2,225.30

Savings Banks		
Salem Savings Bank Book No. 62890	$ 1,000.00	$ 30.00
Home Savings Bank Book No. G405308	1,045.98	30.04
Wildey Savings Bank Book No. 189493	.....	16.09
Wildey Savings Bank Book No. 190689	12,624.17	234.62
	$14,670.15	$ 310.75

ARCHIBALD T. MEIKLE, *Chairman*,
JOHN E. RINES,
HAROLD S. CROCKER,

(The report of the Trustees of the Grand Fund was read by R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker.)

The Grand Commander: Sir Knights, you have heard the reading of the report of the Trustees of the Grand Fund. What is your pleasure?

R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin: Move it be accepted.

V∴E∴Sir Kenneth H. Earle: Second.

The Grand Commander: Moved and seconded that the report of the Trustees of the Grand Fund be accepted. All in favor signify by extending the sword arm. Opposed, the bridle arm. It is a vote and so ordered.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: One of the Trustees says that I should tell you that the gain in the Fund this year is a little better than $8000.

The Grand Commander: The report of the Auditor.

R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks: Is E∴Sir Plummer here? He said that he expected to be here at this time; if not, I will read the report, R∴E∴Sir.

(The report of the Auditor was read by R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks.)

GRAND FUND

AUDITOR'S REPORT AND CERTIFICATE
For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1953

I have examined the books and records of the Grand Fund of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1954. This data is summarized in the following exhibits:

Exhibit A—Income and Expense Statement for the year ended August 31, 1954.

Exhibit B—Balance Sheet as at August 31, 1954.

Exhibit C—Schedule of Bonds, Stocks and Savings Bank Deposits as at August 31, 1954.

The various securities and savings bank books were seen and examined at the safe deposit vault of the National Shawmut Bank in the presence of John E. Rines, Trustee, and A. Kenneth Martin, Grand Treasurer, and were found to be in accordance with the schedule shown in Exhibit C. Confirmations from the various depositaries have been received.

The Principal account has been adjusted to reflect the addition of the net income from the Grand Fund which was received during the year and also the profit on securities sold during the year. The net income was $3,344.35, an increase of $124.92 over the previous year. Detailed items of income are also shown in Exhibit "C."

I certify that the appended exhibits, in my opinion, fairly present the transactions of the Trustees during the year ended August 31, 1954, and the state of the Fund as at that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HURLBUT L. PLUMMER,
Certified Public Accountant

R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I move that the several reports which have been read and which have been certified as being correct by the Auditor if not done so already be accepted and spread upon the records. (Motion seconded.)

The Grand Commander: Sir Knights, you have heard the motion of R∴E∴Sir Rines. All in favor indicate by extending the sword arm. Those opposed, the bridle arm. It is a vote and so ordered.

We will now have the report of the Committee on Finance.
(The report of the Finance Committee was read by R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks.)

October 31, 1954

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Estimated Budget for 1954–1955

To the Officers and Members of Grand Commandery:

Sir Knights:

We submit the following Budget for this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.:

Grand Encampment Dues	$ 2,259.00
Conclaves 1955	2,500.00
Proceedings 1954	1,200.00
Printing and Postage	1,000.00
Rent	1,700.00**
Inspections	800.00
Group Meetings	200.00
Bond & Insurance	300.00
Salary — Grand Recorder	1,898.00
Salary — Grand Treasurer	500.00
Salary — Clerk	1,612.00
Grand Commander's Jewel	50.00
Grand Commander's Fund	500.00
Triennial Conclave 1955	500.00

Auditor	150.00
Office Supplies	135.00
Telephone	200.00
Miscellaneous and Contingent	400.00
S.S. and Unemployment	225.00
Total	$16,129.00

**Anticipated rent increase of $350.00.

ANTICIPATED INCOME

Per Capita Dues 14,572@85½c	$12,459.06
Candidate Fees 725@$5.00	3,625.00
	$16,084.06
Miscellaneous Income	150.00
	$16,234.06

Respectfully submitted,

LEON L. ALLEN, *Chairman*
ARTHUR R. DORWARD
HOWARD A. GRAY

The Grand Commander: Sir Knights, you have heard the reading of the report of the Committee on Finances.

R∴E∴Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.: R∴E∴Grand Commander, unless I am mistaken I heard a reading of the usual entry of $1,200 for the printing of proceedings and what I have to say on that subject may seem unimportant to some of the Sir Knights present but perhaps I have a lawyer's obsession against inaccurate records, or records which have been tampered with, and if we are spending $1,200 for the printing of proceedings, if those proceedings are to faithfully record for posterity, and as a matter of record, the true proceedings of the mid-year and Annual Conclaves I am in favor of spending the money; but I am not in favor of spending the money for the $1,200 item for proceedings which would be either a biography of an out-going Commander or a tampered and untrue record of the year it purports to represent. I say that advisedly because I have been sitting for two hours behind a banner which bears the motto, "Magna est veritas, et praevalebit," and as a lawyer and member of Grand Commandery I say our records should not only be accurate but truly reflect the occurrences.

Now, I have before me the proceedings of 1953 and they include the mid-year Conclave at Springfield — the 147th Semi-Annual Conclave at Springfield on the 16th day of May, 1953 — and if there are those present who were numbered among the 97 Sir Knights at that meeting who have read page 27 of the proceedings of 1953 they know that that is not a correct report of what occurred at that meeting and I read:

Following the Report of the Sesqui-centennial Committee, Eminent Sir James R. Hooper, Grand Warder, made the following motion:

"I move that the Report of the Committee be accepted and the recommendations adopted, and the same Committee be empowered to proceed as outlined in the report, and that said Committee shall function up to and including the Sesqui-centennial Celebration."

This motion was duly seconded by Em. Sir Thomas A. Booth, Grand Senior Warden, then the following Amendment was presented by Sir Knight Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., R∴E∴Past Grand Commander.

Moved to amend as follows: The present Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery shall be Chairman of the Sesqui-centennial Committee, and in charge of completion of all plans and arrangements for a proper celebration of the 150th Anniversary Celebration, with the aid and assistance of a Committee to be composed of the members of the Committee to consider Ways and Means authorized by vote on October 25, 1952, with such changes and additions in such Committee, or any other Sesqui-centennial Committee, as the Chairman shall consider advisable.

This Amendment was duly seconded by Sir Knight Harold A. Budreau.

So far that is an accurate record of what occurred and then follows this tampered with, false, dishonest paragraph.

Then followed a lengthy discussion on this Amendment with Sir Kt. John E. Rines, R∴E∴Past Grand Commander, opposing the Amendment as unconstitutional. After further discussion, the Amendment was carried with *two* dissenting votes. (See Official Order No. 4, Series 1952–1953 dated July 22, 1953.)

Now, Sir, you were present — as I remember it — and so were 96 others. I say for the record, with a stenographer here today, that this is what occurred.

Following the report of the Committee an amendment was presented by the present speaker — and that amendment was discussed and there was not raised the question of constitutionality at that time — and the amendment was put and there were two votes against it and I requested that that fact be carried in the record. Quite properly, then, action came on the original motion as amended and the vote was unanimous and I requested, as a Past Grand Commander of this jurisdiction, that the Recorder record that fact in the records and it does not so appear.

This might seem much ado about nothing, especially inasmuch as through the failure to pass a constitutional motion on that day the committee itself died on May 16, 1953, even without the Grand Generalissimo, and shortly thereafter there was appointed a new committee by you which included the gentleman who will be the Grand Commander during the 150th year. So it was much ado about nothing; but I say again that if we are to allocate $1,200 for the printing of official proceedings for posterity and the record let's make them on the level.

R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I do not believe it is in the interest of good Templary for Templars to take issue with each other but I stand before you here, and before my Maker, and I regret to say that at that meeting in May I was almost totally blind; but I will say when I was Grand Commander I

was fairly well versed in the Grand Constitution of this Grand Commandery as well as the Constitution of the Grand Encampment which was part of my obligation, and in that obligation it says that the Commander or Grand Master shall appoint committees and officers not elected. I say now emphatically that I stood up there and said I believed that the amendment was unconstitutional and on the first vote taken on the amendment there were two votes against it and R∴E∴Sir Wilson asked that that be made in the minutes of the meeting. On the next vote for the motion made by E∴Sir Hooper I did not vote as there was no necessity for doing so and the vote was unanimous. But I still say that I stood up before that meeting and said that it was unconstitutional. It has been so ruled by the Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Encampment and our own.

R∴E∴Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.: R∴E∴Grand Commander, as long as we are about it let's have the record straight. I am glad to hear R∴E∴Sir Rines agree with me that there was a second vote, that it was on the original motion, and that it was unanimous which, of course, nowhere appears in the official record. I agree with him that apparently the action taken that day was unconstitutional. Someone, two months after May 16, woke up, because they didn't like the result of the unanimous vote, and discovered under the rules of the Grand Encampment that you can't interfere with the personnel of a committee in the Grand Commandery, much to my surprise. But we beg the question when anyone for even one minute intimates that the record in Springfield is not an untrue statement. I repeat and raise it at this time because if the $1,200 allocation for printing proceedings is to means proceedings which are honest and authentic I am for it but I am not for perpetuating false records in this Grand Commandery or any organization to which I belong.

R∴E∴Grand Commander, just to complete the record, I would request the Grand Recorder why he left out of the record the vote of the Grand Commandery giving the sense of this committee?

R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks: R∴E∴Sir, in answer to that I do not recall — and I am absolutely honest — that the Grand Commander presiding at that time put this motion. There was no stenographer there and we were getting the record as best we could. I don't think there was because when the motion was taken the amendment carried and the other motion as far as I recall — and I will say as far as I recall standing before you, Judge, I do not recall — and my notes do not show, that there was a second vote taken. R∴E∴Sir Rines says there was; so it is my error although my notes do not show it. I am sorry; it was not left out intentionally. The long discussion was removed by the Printing Committee because they didn't want to have printed in the record a discussion, that was going to the entire 48 states, that we were wrangling over a committee. As near as I can say that is the cor-

rect record as per my notes; and I will say also that when the motion was made it was not presented to me in writing until after I had requested Sir Knight Wilson and he sent it to me a couple of days later, because we did not get the entire motion at that time and it was not in writing.

R∴E∴Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.: R∴E∴Grand Commander, let me make two points in response to that. The first is that I could hardly be prepared to make a written amendment to a motion in regard to a report until I entered the Conclave — I am not that much of a soothsayer — and obviously it had to be made on a report that I heard for the first time in Springfield when read. I remember distinctly sitting in this chair in Springfield and facing the East and there was no question that I requested the Recorder to make the notation that the vote was unanimous. I am amazed at the apparent inaccuracy of the records kept.

The Grand Commander: R∴E∴Sir Wilson, for your information the report of the Semi-Annual meeting this year and the report today are going to be under the reporters' fingers over there so there will be no question. I don't think he muffs it.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: I move the Finance Committee's report be accepted and the budget for 1954 and 1955 be adopted. (Motion seconded.)

The Grand Commander: Moved and seconded that the report of the Finance Committee be accepted as read and the budget for 1954–1955 be adopted. All in favor signify by extending the sword arm. Opposed, the bridle arm. It is a vote.

R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks: We have another Finance Committee report.

(R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks read the report of the Finance Committee on the educational budget for 1955.)

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

October 31, 1954

Educational Foundation Budget for 1955

To the Officers and Members of Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

We submit the following Budget for the Educational Foundation for 1955:

Printing, Postage and Supplies	$ 100.00
Salary — Secretary	1,794.00
Salary — Clerk	1,820.00
Salary — Treasurer	300.00

Rent	700.00
Telephone	162.00
Audit	270.00
Trustees Expenses	75.00
Miscellaneous and Contingent	100.00
Bond & Insurance	200.00
Retail Credit Reports	175.00
Social Security	65.00
Total	$ 5,761.00

Respectfully submitted,

Leon L. Allen, *Chairman*
Arthur R. Dorward
Howard A. Gray

Note: The above Budget is subject to the approval of Grand Encampment Educational Foundation Committee.

The Grand Commander: Sir Knights, you have heard the report of the Committee on the Educational Foundation. What is your pleasure?

R∴E∴Sir Harold W. Sprague: Move it be adopted. (Motion Seconded.)

The Grand Commander: All in favor signify by extending the sword arm. Opposed, the bridle arm. The report is adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

October 20, 1954

Eminent and Dear Sir:

The following amendments to By-Laws of Constituent Commanderies have been approved by the Grand Commandery during the recess of the Grand Commandery and are now subject to review by the Grand Commandery:

1. Proposed amendment to By-Laws of Trinity Commandery, No. 32 K.T., amending Art. 3, Sec. 3, Sec. 4, Art. VI, copy of which is hereto annexed.
2. Proposed amendment to By-Laws of Quincy Commandery, No. 47 K.T., amending Article IX, Sec. 1, copy of which is hereto annexed.
3. Proposed amendment of By-Laws of Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51 K.T., amending Art. 11, Sec. 1, copy of which is hereto annexed.
4. By-Laws of Narragansett Commandery No. 27 K.T., which have been approved, copy of which is on file in Grand Commandery office.

The only other matter we considered was the inquiry from the Grand Commandery dated July 27, 1954 on the following question:

> "Can Grand Commandery legally vote to spend anticipated income from the Grand Fund for the two forth-coming years 1955–1956 in connection with the Sesquicentennial Celebration."

and that has been answered in my reply of August 26, 1954, copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Courteously yours,

LOUIS L. GREEN, *Chairman*
Jurisprudence Committee

Hudson, Mass., May 20, 1954

To the Officers of Grand Commandery K.T.:

Trinity Commandery No. 32 K.T. respectfully requests of the Grand Commandery the following change in its By-Laws, which change was proposed at the Conclave of April 21, 1954, and put on Notice of Conclave and voted May 19, 1954.

To amend Section 3 Article 3 by deleting the sum of $210.00 and inserting the sum of $150.00 and deleting the number (35) and inserting (25).

To amend Section 4 Article VI by striking out the whole of said Section and inserting the following:

> Section 4. The Fee for Life Membership shall be (25) twenty-five times the Annual Dues but not less than One Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($150.00).

Courteously yours,

WILLIAM A. MANSON
Recorder

At the Annual Conclave of Quincy Commandery No. 47, K.T. held in the Masonic Temple, Quincy, Mass., June 21, 1954, action was taken strictly in accordance to the requirements of Article XIV of the By-Laws of this Commandery, regarding Alterations of By-Laws.

At the regular Stated Conclave of this commandery of May 24, 1954, two proposals were suggested. The *First* one (recommended at a previous dinner meeting of the Past Commanders) that Article IX, Section I, first paragraph which now reads in first line "Annual dues of $10." be changed to Annual dues of $12.00 shall be paid to the Recorder, etc., etc., and the first line of paragraph two of same Section changed from Eighty-three cents to One Dollar per month, etc. Section 1 of Article IX will then read as follows:

> Annual dues of $12.00 shall be paid to the Recorder of this Commandery by each member thereof (except as provided in Articles V and VI) for the purpose of defraying the current expenses and for such other uses or purposes as the Commandery may, from time to time, order, the same to be due and payable in advance on the 30th day of June in each year.
>
> One Dollar per month shall be paid by new members for any fraction of the year from the time of their signing the By-Laws to the commencement of the regular year.
>
> No member of this Commandery who is in arrears in the payment of either dues or assessments for the term of two years, shall be entitled to vote or be eligible to hold office therein.

We trust increase in Annual dues, adopted 29 to 4 by vote of members present at the Annual Conclave, will also meet with your approval and at this particular time, the Recorder will especially appreciate your usual prompt attention.

Courteously yours,

Quincy Commandery No. 47, K.T.

HERBERT Y. FOLLETT
Recorder

At a Stated Conclave of Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51, Knights Templar, held on September 17, 1954, the following amendment to our By-Laws was regularly adopted. It is herewith submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Commandery for approval.

Amend Article II, Section 1, by deleting "at 7 o'clock P.M.," so that the Section shall read:

> "The Stated Conclaves of this Commandery shall be held in the Masonic Temple situated on Narragansett Boulevard, in the City of Cranston, State of Rhode Island, on the third Friday of each month. The stated Conclaves in July and August may be omitted by vote of the Commandery. Special Conclaves may be called by the Commander. The Annual Conclave shall be held on the third Friday in September."

Courteously yours,

ALFRED E. GRANT
Recorder

August 26, 1954

Mr. George A. Weeks, *Grand Recorder*
205 Masonic Temple
Boston 16, Massachusetts

Eminent and Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry to the Jurisprudence Committee dated July 27, 1954 on the following question:

> "Can Grand Commandery legally vote to spend anticipated income from the Grand Fund for the two forthcoming years 1955–1956 in connection with the Sesquicentennial Celebration"?

I have canvassed the entire Committee and it is the majority opinion of the Committee that it is not proper for the Grand Commandery to vote in 1954 to spend anticipated income which it is hoped might accrue during 1955 and 1956 (not being a current operating expense), but if funds of the Grand Commandery are to be used for anniversary purposes it need not be done on a basis of attempting to mortgage future income. It can and should be financed out of principal in accordance with Article 11, Section 3.

Courteously yours,

Louis L. Green, *Chairman*
Jurisprudence Committee.

The Grand Commander: Sir Knights, you have heard the report of the Jurisprudence Committee. What is your pleasure?

R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines: Move to be accepted. (Motion seconded.)

The Grand Commander: All in favor signify by extending the sword arm. Opposed, the bridle arm. It is a vote.

The Grand Commander: At this time it is my very great pleasure to present R∴E∴Sir Stanley W. Wakefield, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York, who I understand is representing our Presiding and Past Grand Commanders.

R∴E∴Sir Stanley W. Wakefield: R∴E∴Grand Commander and Sir Knights. The Grand Commander has taken me at my boast. I know he didn't pick me because Grand Commandery of New York is almost as old as that of Massachusetts but because I had said outside that I never had much to say but said it in even less time.

On behalf of my colleagues we offer our congratulations to this Jurisdiction. We listened with a great deal of interest to the account of your Stewardship, and the Statistical Reports, with some envy. We appreciate your hospitality and the warm welcome of the Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction.

As you may recognize from my accent I am from New York. If you come to our Jurisdiction next August you will be well repayed for your visit. It is the first time in eighty years that we have been the hosts. Twice in the last five years New York City has been host to Masonic gatherings, in 1951 and 1953 for the Imperial Council of the Shrine. We felt that they were repayed and had a good time. The same committee which worked on those conventions is working on the Conclave of the Grand Encampment. The Grand Commandery of New York has appropriated $50,000 and the Grand Encampment has put up a like amount; that is not for the brass, but for all the Sir Knights. We have a boat ride and one of the largest music halls in New York for the ladies. It is all free. The boat ride is around Manhattan and is well worth while. There is also a trip to the United Nations Building.

We have invited Detroit Commandery, probably the largest in the Jurisdiction, to confer the Order of the Temple. We understand they do it very well. There will be one candidate that day, the Grand Master of Masons in New York. We have to get him through the Chapter but we don't anticipate any trouble. (Laughter) We are worried about attendance at this affair. We can have 3400 and we are trying to see if we can put seats in the aisle. But don't worry about that; you come to New York anyway.

The Grand Commander: Thank you, Sir.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Boston, Mass., October 30, 1954

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Members of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Mass. and R. I.

Greetings,

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations reports that no business requiring its attention has been presented for consideration.

Courteously,

Harold S. Crocker
Frank H. Wilson
George B. Sampson

Upon Motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the above report and that same be printed in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

Boston, Mass., October 30, 1954

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T.:
Sir Knights:

Owing to the sudden death of Em. Sir Walter A. Smith, and the liquidating of his business, your Printing Committee found that in order to have the 1953 Proceedings printed, they must find a new printer. Bids were asked of several printers and the contract was finally given to a Sir Knight of Boston Commandery No. 2 K.T., who did a painstaking job in order to duplicate the type of work that had been done in the past — the result was a fine volume, well bound, and printed satisfactorily.

This year, 1954, your Finance Committee has allowed your Committee a figure that will take care of any additional cost of printing our Proceedings.

After due consideration of all the figures submitted, your Printing Committee felt that in view of the type of work done on the 1953 Proceedings, that a change of printer was not necessary.

Your Committee will make every effort to have the cost of printing the 1954 Proceedings kept to the minimum for the quality of paper used and workmanship involved.

Courteously submitted,

HARRIE M. TAFT, *Chairman*
KENNETH H. EARLE
GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Ex Officio*

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the above report and that same be printed in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE TACTICS COMMITTEE

October 30, 1954

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T.
Sir Knights:

It was the unanimous opinion of your Tactics Committee that the following change should be made in our Tactics on Pages 104 and 105. These changes are made to clarify the two words *in tierce* and *in quarte* under Cuts or Parries and To Form Arch of Steel.

The entire changes were covered in Official Order No. 4, Series 1953–1954 under date of August 5, 1954 and will be printed in the Proceedings under the heading of "Official Orders."

(Stickers have been mailed to all Commanderies.)

Courteously submitted,

HARRIE M. TAFT, *Chairman*

CLARENCE R. DAVIS — WILLIAM A. ODELL
EVERETT B. BYLES — GEORGE A. WEEKS

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the above report and that same be printed in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR INSTRUCTOR

October 30, 1954

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Since our Semi-Annual Conclave the remaining reports have been received and will say, that 33 Commanderies have retained the same mark as of the year before.

Ten had a higher rating while seven received lower marks. Six Commanderies lost 9 to 23 points in attendance.

The four top ranking Commanderies for the year were: Bay State with 994 points; Worcester County and Hugh de Payens tied with 993; and Jerusalem with 992.

Commanders	1
Generalissimos	19
Captain Generals . . .	7
Senior Wardens	11
Junior Wardens	8
Sword Bearers	16
Warders	22
Captains of the Guard .	20

I might add that 49 of the Commanders lost from ½ point to 89 points.

Knowing that we are always striving for perfection, there is still plenty of room in our line of Officers to bring out better work in ritual as well as tactics. Tactics account for a good many points lost.

Courteously submitted,

CLYDE L. CARTER
Inspector Instructor

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the above report and that same be printed in the Proceedings.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

October 30, 1954

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Last year I called attention to the *Grand Encampment Review* and what could be gained by subscribing to that worthy magazine, but so far, I have received only 3 or 4 applications and in turn I sent them to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.

The Recorders were notified to take orders for the magazine but I have heard no word through that source.

Will the Sir Knights of our Jurisdiction be interested enough to invest a dollar? That covers a period of two years and includes eight copies.

Subscriptions should be sent to John Temple Rice, R∴E∴ Grand Recorder, 14 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1733, Chicago 4, Illinois. (*Note*) Make all checks or M.O. to "Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of U.S.A."

In the past, Massachusetts and Rhode Island have been well represented — we can be in the future; let's do our part and keep up with the other Jurisdictions.

Courteously submitted,

CLYDE L. CARTER
Foreign Correspondent

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the above report and that same be printed in the Proceedings.

The report of the Committee on New Membership and Publicity.
R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson read the report on New Membership and Publicity.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLICITY

For the Fiscal Year ending August 31, 1954

Our net gain in membership is 115 or .8%. Last year it was 1.3%. Our membership now is 14,572, the 7th largest Grand Commandery in the U.S.A. Pennsylvania is first; Ohio is second; Texas is third; Illinois, fourth; California, fifth; New York, sixth.

GROSS ADDITIONS AND GROSS LOSSES

In Exhibit No. 1, we are showing a detail of additions and losses for the past 10 years. In all these years we have had net gains in membership, previous to 1945 we ran net losses consecutively for a period of 18 years.

PETITIONS

We reached 80% of our objective which was for 1,000 petitions, last year it was 70%. Boston Commandery was first with 72 petitions; DeMolay next with 69; and Hugh de Payens No. 20, third with 55. In Exhibit No. 2 is shown a comparison with last year of the number of petitions obtained by each Commandery. Twenty Commanderies either reached or exceeded their quotas, last year there were 17. In Exhibit No. 3 we show a comparison with last year of the percentage of petitions to membership. The percentage was 5.5% in both years. Natick Commandery is first with 17.8%; Connecticut Valley next with 15.1%; and Haverhill third with 12.1%.

There were 209 candidates elected this year but not Knighted, being held over for next year, or 26% of the total petitions. Last year there were 22%.

Following is a record by years of total petitions from the time we first began assigning quotas.

	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946
Petitions	800	777	1007	804	1040	773	705	656	778

Relationship % Petitions to Membership, to % Net Gain or Loss

The % petitions to membership is 5.5%, the same figure as last year. The net gain .8% gives us a ratio of about 7 to 1; which means it required 7 new petitions to create a net gain of 1. Last year the ratio was 4 to 1. In Exhibit No. 4 is a detail for each Commandery.

NET GAINS AND NET LOSSES

Hugh de Payens No. 20 had the highest net gain of 42; Natick No. 33 was next with 21; and Haverhill No. 14 third with 20. A breakdown of the net gains in our two states follows:

	Total Net Gain	*Massachusetts Net Gains*	*Rhode Island Net Gains*
1954	+115	+113	+2
1953	+185	+152	+33
1952	+316	+269	+47
1951	+212	+167	+45
1950	+465	+473	— 8
1949	+173	+207	—34
1948	+190	+240	—50
1947	+156	+195	—39
1946	+298	+328	—30
1945	+132	+200	—68

Natick No. 33 had the highest % net gain of 16.3%; Connecticut Valley No. 23 next with 9.6%; Hugh de Payens No. 20, third with 7.9%; and Old Colony No. 15, fourth with 7.7%.

Twenty-nine Commanderies showed net gains, twenty-five in Massachusetts and four in Rhode Island. Eighteen Commanderies had net losses, fifteen in Massachusetts and three in Rhode Island. Three Commanderies had no change in total membership.

Boston Commandery continues as our largest Commandery. Worcester County moved up to second place. De Molay advanced to third place. St. Johns is fourth; Calvary fifth, Hugh de Payens jumped to sixth place, Springfield, seventh; Sutton, eight; Gethsemane, ninth and Olivet, tenth.

DEMITS AND SUSPENSIONS

We lost 28% of our total Knightings through demits and suspensions. Last year we lost 22%. Our general average runs around 18%.

We affiliate and reinstate on the average about 47% of the total number demitted and suspended. Last year it dropped to 35%, and this year reached an all time low of only 25%, losing 187 and retrieving 46.

Demits and suspensions are to a large extent within our own control. A careful analysis will no doubt determine how many are for the purpose of transferring to other communities and what portion is due to terminating membership because of lack of interest or for financial reasons.

NET GAIN QUOTAS

This year for the first time we set up a "net gain quota". Twenty-two Commanderies either reached or exceeded theirs. Our percentage net gain to "net gain quota" was 45%. In Exhibit No. 5 is shown a comparison of the net gain or net loss with the "net gain quota" for each Commandery.

The Committee printed a membership article in *The Templar* each month and sent out with it to Commanders, Generalissimos, Captains-Generals and Recorders, a statistical sheet showing for each Commandery the number of petitions received the current month, together with an accumulative figure to date, also showing its relationship to their particular quota.

Courteously submitted,

FRANK H. WILSON, *Chairman*
For the Committee.

October 30, 1954

EXHIBIT 1

COMPARISON OF GROSS ADDITIONS AND GROSS LOSSES

	1954	*1953*	*1952*	*1951*	*1950*	*1949*	*1948*	*1947*	*1946*	*1945*
Knightings	676	707	880	712	957	701	692	667	731	621
Affiliations	22	33	46	23	32	29	22	20	36	14
Reinstatements	24	23	32	26	32	35	34	41	43	52
Gross Additions	722	763	958	761	1021	765	748	728	810	687
Demits	109	105	117	105	68	82	88	64	73	69
Suspensions	78	54	75	58	62	52	28	46	30	41
Deaths	408	406	451	374	421	445	432	443	402	399
Errors	12	13	—1	12	5	13	10	19	7	3
Gross Losses	607	578	642	549	556	592	558	572	512	512
Net Gains	115	185	316	212	465	173	190	156	298	132
Percentage	.8%	1.3%	2.3%	1.5%	3.5%	1.3%	1.5%	1.2%	2.4%	1.1%

EXHIBIT 2 — EXHIBIT 3

Name of Commandery	*Total Petitions* This Year	*Total Petitions* Last Year	*% Petitions to Membership* This Year	*% Petitions to Membership* Last Year
St. John's	23	20	3.3	2.9
Boston	72	67	6.0	5.8
Newburyport	23	7	9.0	2.8
Washington	5	2	4.1	1.6
Worcester County	23	20	3.3	2.8
Springfield	17	26	3.2	4.9
De Molay	69	37	10.0	5.5
Holy Sepulchre	7	22	1.8	5.9
Pilgrim	4	7	1.2	2.0
Palestine	20	3	9.8	1.5
Milford	12	4	7.6	2.5
St. Bernard	7	7	7.6	8.1
Calvary	32	31	4.8	4.6
Haverhill	43	33	12.1	9.9
Old Colony	11	9	6.5	5.4
Sutton	21	20	4.5	4.3
Bethany	9	4	5.8	2.5
Winslow Lewis	7	10	3.7	5.2
Jerusalem	25	14	9.8	5.7
Hugh De Payens	55	69	10.3	13.7
St. Omer	3	25	.9	7.7
Berkshire	9	9	4.0	4.0
Connecticut Valley	22	5	15.1	3.4
Woonsocket	11	21	7.4	15.3
Godfrey De Bouillon	4	12	3.5	11.6
Joseph Warren	10	8	5.5	4.1
Narragansett	12	14	6.5	8.1
Bristol	12	8	5.1	3.4
Northampton	5	10	4.6	8.8
South Shore	4	12	3.0	8.5
Trinity	8	15	4.0	7.9
Natick	23	5	17.8	3.8
Coeur De Lion	7	28	2.1	8.7
Gethsemane	25	32	5.6	5.9
Olivet	29	25	6.9	6.1
Athol	1	2	.8	1.6
Bay State	9	7	2.2	1.7
Cyprus	8	6	7.2	5.0
St. Paul	6	7	5.1	6.2
Beauseant	14	17	4.4	5.4
Cambridge	8	9	5.2	6.0
Bethlehem	6	10	4.0	6.7
Orange	0	3	0	4.3
Ivanhoe	7	28	3.0	13.2
Quincy	7	19	2.3	6.2
Temple	21	10	11.6	5.8
St. Andrew	8	4	6.5	3.2
Reading	15	8	5.7	3.0
Thomas Smith Webb	13	3	7.9	1.8
Sir Galahad	8	3	4.4	1.5
Total	800	777	5.5%	5.5%

Commandery	EXHIBIT 4 % Petitions to Membership	% Net Gain	% Net Loss	EXHIBIT 5 Net Gain Quota	Net Gain	Net Loss
St. John's	3.3		.6	14		4
Boston	6.0	1.2		26	15	
Newburyport	9.0	3.5		4	9	
Washington	4.1		.8	2		1
Worcester County	3.3	1.0		9	7	
Springfield	3.2		2.4	7		13
De Molay	10.0	1.7		14	12	
Holy Sepulchre	1.8		2.8	6		11
Pilgrim	1.2		5.8	5		20
Palestine	9.8	1.9		2	4	
Milford	7.6	1.3		2	2	
St. Bernard	7.6	4.3		2	4	
Calvary	4.8	1.2		8	8	
Haverhill	12.1	5.7		7	20	
Old Colony	6.5	7.7		3	13	
Sutton	4.5		.2	10		1
Bethany	5.8		1.9	2		3
Winslow Lewis	3.7	—	—	3	—	—
Jerusalem	9.8	3.5		5	9	
Hugh De Payens	10.3	7.9		12	42	
St. Omer	.9		5.5	5		18
Berkshire	4.0	.4		3	1	
Connecticut Valley	15.1	9.6		2	14	
Woonsocket	7.4	4.7		6	7	
Godfrey de Bouillon	3.5		3.5	3		4
Joseph Warren	5.5		1.6	2		3
Narragansett	6.5	.5		5	1	
Bristol	5.1	3.4		3	8	
Northampton	4.6	1.8		2	2	
South Shore	3.0	4.5		3	6	
Trinity	4.0		3.0	5		6
Natick	17.8	16.3		2	21	
Coeur de Lion	2.1		2.7	7		9
Gethsemane	5.6	—	—	12	—	—
Olivet	6.9	1.7		6	7	
Athol	.8		5.5	2		7
Bay State	2.2		2.7	4		11
Cyprus	7.2	3.6		2	4	
St. Paul	5.1	—	—	3	—	—
Beauseant	4.4		1.3	4		4
Cambridge	5.2	4.6		2	7	
Bethlehem	4.0	.7		2	1	
Orange	0		2.8	2		2
Ivanhoe	3.0	.9		6	2	
Quincy	2.3		4.6	4		14
Temple	11.6	4.4		5	8	
St. Andrew	6.5	4.9		3	6	
Reading	5.7	2.6		5	7	
Thomas Smith Webb	7.9	1.2		2	2	
Sir Galahad	4.4		1.6	2		3
Total	5.5%			257	249	134
		.8%	7 to 1	Net +115		

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, you have heard the report of the Committee on New Membership and Publicity. What is your pleasure?

R∴E∴SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR: R∴E∴Grand Commander, might I ask the Committee to break down the total membership between Massachusetts and Rhode Island that we may make comparison between the 25,000 Royal Arch Chapter Masons that Most Excellent Campbell says are in Massachusetts? Can they break it into the two for comparison?

R∴E∴Sir FRANK H. WILSON: Are you asking me, Judge?

R∴E∴SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: That is it.

R∴E∴SIR FRANK H. WILSON: Give it to me in writing and I will work it out.

R∴E∴SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: You boys are getting technical.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: What is your pleasure on the report?

V∴E∴SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: Move it be accepted.

R∴E∴SIR A. KENNETH MARTIN: Second.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Moved and seconded that the report be accepted. All in favor signify by extending the sword arm. Opposed, the bridle arm. It is a vote.

REPORT OF THE NEW YORK RITE COMMITTEE

(E∴Sir Clarence E. Booth read the report of the new York Rite Committee.)

"PACKAGE PETITION FOR THE YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY"

The System of Freemasonry known as the York Rite derives its name from a legendary assembly of Masons in York, England, long before the formation of the Grand Lodge of England and possibly the first General Masonic gathering ever held. Because the System, and the Constituent Bodies composing it were developed in America, and is largely confined to this country, there has been some agitation to designate it as the American Rite. What advantage there may be in abandoning a name by which the Rite has been generally known for 150 years and adopting another title, is problematical.

The term "York Rite" is firmly established and generally recognized as consisting of three Constituent and Indispensable Bodies; the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Royal and Select Masters and the Commandery of Knights Templars. Together, they teach an integrated story of Ancient Craft Masonry by a series of events, Biblical and Legendary, each body depending upon the two others for its Masonic background, and all three bound to benefit by a closer and more intelligent cooperation.

A petitioner for the Orders of Knighthood is not properly prepared for this step until he has been initiated into the mysteries of the Royal Arch, and until he has learned the story of the loss and recovery of the "Master's Word," and he certainly is not properly informed on this important subject until he has taken the Degrees of the Council.

The fact that the Council is not a requisite body to the Orders of the Commandery does not alter the case. Men go through college without learning to speak and write the English Language; they become engineers and scientists without the ability to appreciate music of art, they become eminent in professions without learning to love their Country or their fellowman; so the attainment of a degree does not necessarily mean that a man has taken advantage of all his opportunities or learned how to live.

Men skip the Council and join the Commandery, sometimes because Council has never been presented to them, sometimes because they are told that they do not have to take the Council to join the Commandery. For whatever reason, skipping the Council is a lost opportunity for a beautiful Masonic Companionship, and advising a man to do so is a disloyal act against the entire system of the York Rite.

The Council is just as essential to a proper Masonic advancement as if we enacted the required legislation to make it so. Indeed, the honor of being a Cryptic Mason is enhanced by the premise that it was done "of his own free will and accord," and not because the body was requisite to something else. In fact, many Masons have a conviction, which of course can never be proven, that if solicitation of members were definitely prescribed in all Masonic Bodies, as it is in the Lodge, that if proselytizing had never been allowed, and if men were somehow made to feel that there was something in our Collateral Bodies that they wanted, and wanted it enough to ask for it, we would all be better off.

There was a time, one hundred years or so ago, when in many jurisdictions solicitation was frowned upon but those days are gone forever. Having started to sell Masonry, we must continue, and we must plan and operate our sales campaign with all the intelligence, experience and energy at our command.

One of the weaknesses in selling the York Rite is that we do not offer the Rite in one "Package." We force the prospect, by our methods, to make three separate and distinct decisions, a most difficult psychological obstacle to overcome. We go to him three times with a sales argument; three different men, or groups of men, try to get his name on the dotted line for three different bodies. Our percentage of failure is evident in our membership figures. Here in Massachusetts, in comparison with our Blue Lodge potential, Chapter has 21%, Commandery has 13.6% and Council has 5.6%.

Surely, we can do better than this. Surely, among our current annual crop of Blue Lodge Masons, and among those with a few years of Blue Lodge seasoning, we can find a larger percentage of brethren who are interested in "More Light in Masonry," and who, with one cordial and informative invitation, one decision to make and one check to draw, will much more eagerly sign a single petition for the Complete York Rite.

With these things in mind, this plan for a "Package Petition" for the Degrees and Orders of the York Rite has been devised. It consists of four pages. The first page is the "Package Petition" form. The second, third and fourth pages are individual petitions for Chapter, Council and Commandery.

We believe that if Council is included in the complete York Rite "Package," most men will take it without question. When we encounter the occasional man who would join the Rite, but raises a question about Council, and cannot be sold, the Council Petition is easily removed and the Petitions for Chapter and Commandery put through in regular form.

At least, the Council Petition was there, embodied in the "Package" and included in the total fee, which in most cases will be substantially less than the fee for the four bodies of the Scottish Rite, and we believe that most men will accept it gratefully and without question as a part of the System.

In order to ascertain the total fee for the complete York Rite, the fees for all Chapters in the State are listed on the back of the Chapter Petition, and the same for all Councils and Commanderies, on the back of the respective Petitions. The fee for each body is brought forward to the first sheet and totalled. The check is made payable to The York Rite Committee of Massachusetts.

This committee consists of three representatives from Grand Chapter, three from Grand Council and three from Grand Commandery. The representatives from Grand Chapter are:

William F. Clark
Ralph W. Copeland
George M. Ellis

from Grand Council:

Howard A. Gray
Frederic Kennedy
James R. Hooper

from Grand Commandery:

Frank H. Wilson
Clarence E. Booth
George A. Weeks

The Committee has met and organized. They have elected an Executive Director and a Secretary-Treasurer. It was deemed essential that the headquarters and office of the Committee be located in the Masonic Temple, Boston, and so the two members of the Committee who are permanently located in the Masonic Temple were elected to these offices, William F. Clark as Executive Director and George A. Weeks as Secretary-Treasurer. Together, they will be able to perform the functions of the committee promptly and every day.

A bank account has been opened in the name of the Committee. When the "Package Petition" and check are received at the office of the Committee, the check for the Total Fee will be deposited and the Chapter Petition, with a check for the proper fee will be sent immediately to the Secretary of the designated Chapter. The Petitions for Council and Commandery will be sent, with checks, to the Recorders of the designated bodies in 60 days. These petitions cannot be used until after 60 days at least,and this waiting period will eliminate activity charges on the bank balance of the Committee. This 60 day waiting period will be the rule, but not inflexible. If, toward the end of the year, Council and Commandery are anxious to complete their work as quickly as possible, the Committee will be happy to cooperate by sending Petitions and checks as soon as they can be used.

The Committee, at their meeting, carefully and in great detail, examined the plan for the "Package Petition." Several suggestions were made, some changes, some additions. The proposed form for the "Package Petition" was approved as amended.

Another thing: Chapter has its "Fourth Step" booklet; Council, its "Eighth Step" and Commandery, its booklet entitled "The Commandery of Knights Templars." They each expound the virtues of the particualr body and the advantages of membership. So far as we know, there has never been a booklet on the complete York Rite, sponsored by the three Grand Bodies in Massachusetts.

A pamphlet has been prepared, and edited by the Committee, entitled "The York Rite of Freemasonry." We propose to print it in a simple four page booklet, folded once; size, about three and one half by six inches; with the title on the first page, and reading matter on the second, third and fourth pages. The Committee feels that it contains all essential argument in the shortest possible form; not too long for the prospective candidate to read, and yet a fairly comprehensive story of the York Rite.

This plan and this "Package Petition" should be a boon to the entire York Rite. It will present the integrated story of Ancient Craft Masonry in one volume. No lectures to learn; one decision, one petition, one check; the complete York Rite in a single "Package." A diligent use of the "Package Petition" all over the jurisdiction of Massachusetts will consolidate the three

Constituent Grand Bodies into a harmonius whole, and enable them to present a united front to our Blue Lodge Brethren in their search for "More Light in Masonry."

THE YORK RITE COMMITTEE OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE GRAND COMMANDER: You have heard the report of the new York Rite Committee. What is your pleasure?

V∴E∴SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: Move it be accepted.

R∴E∴SIR A. KENNETH MARTIN: Second.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Moved and seconded that the report be accepted and placed on file. All in favor signify by extending the sword arm. All opposed, the bridle arm. It is a vote.

E∴SIR HAROLD A. BUDREAU: R∴E∴Grand Commander, this is a step in the right direction, but there are steps to improve it. First, the resolution that I put in six years ago during R∴E∴Sir Martin's year that we have a clearing house that when a member is suspended or demitted some action can be taken in the respective bodies. At that time Grand Chapter didn't require membership in the Blue Lodge but now they do or otherwise they are suspended. That should be done for that is a matter of record in the Grand Commandery.

Membership in the Council is not obligatory and I don't see what progress you can make until it is.

The third thing is that when this gets rolling they should issue one York Rite card the same as the Scottish Rite does. They could charge for the card and many would be glad to pay.

I make these as suggestions to the Committee. The reason for the second statement is that I don't see how, I, as Recorder of Boston Commandery, can send out petitions for an organization that is not obligatory.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: The fact that it is not obligatory does not prevent you from asking them to join. You can take that sheet out if he won't take it, but I hope he does.

The report of the Triennial Committee. V∴E∴Deputy Grand Commander, have you got anything to report for that committee?

V∴E∴SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: R∴E∴Sir, progress. Seriously, I would like to say that we have had one offer of a trip. A round trip to New York, including train fare and four days at the hotel, is $45. I think I had better read this, that just came in before I tell you what it contains. I will do that after lunch. Progress, Sir, Progress.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Report of the Committee on Public Relations. E∴Grand Warder, do you know anything about that?

E∴SIR JAMES B. HENRY: Progress, R∴E∴Sir.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: New business.

R∴E∴SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I have a letter to Sir Knight William Catron Gordon, Most Eminent Grand Master of The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. (Reading)

Most Eminent Sir:

Undoubtedly you read of the destruction of the steeple of the Old North Church in Boston this autumn by New England's hurricane. No doubt you noted how the imagination of every American throughout this land of ours was stirred by this fall of the historic belfry, with the result that a spontaneous movement was promptly launched to rebuild this symbol of our American love of freedom.

Back in the days when the patriot's light sparked the watchfires of liberty from the belfry of the Old North Church, the steeple soared above the town, dominating Boston's skyline.

The April 1775 ride of Paul Revere, Past Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, has long held an outstanding place in American history. The less famous patriot, who climbed to the base of the spire to show his now-famed signal lanterns, was one Robert Newman; in 1802 Robert Newman was to become Sentinel of Boston Commandery of Knights Templar. The records of Boston Commandery for March 25, 1802 read: "Voted that Sir Samuel Billings apply to Sir Robert Newman to attend and act as Sentinel for the Encampment. "At a meeting on April 2, 1802, "Sir Samuel Billings reported that he had applied to Sir Robert Newman to act as Sentinel for the Encampment paying him what they think should be proper until his salary should be fixed." Members of the next meeting, on April 16, 1802, list Robert Newman, Sentinel, among the officers present.

The fund now being raised throughout America to restore the historic steeple of the Old North Church is to total $150,000, of which $25,000 is to be set aside as a reserve for future maintenance. Contributions by Americans of every race and creed to date total over $70,000. The contributions are being made to the Old North Church Steeple Fund, and addressed to Paul F. Clark, Treasurer, Box 1776, Boston; disbursement of all money for reconstruction will be handled by the Lantern League, a non-sectarian, non-profit organization, incorporated 22 years ago to restore and preserve this shrine of American Liberty.

The Grand Commander of Knights Templars and Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, in annual Conclave assembled, commend this worthy endeavor to the favorable attention of our Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and respectfully suggest that completion of the necessary fund might most appropriately be adopted as an official patriotic project of American Templary in view of the above historic facts.

I move that that letter, or a letter of similar tenor, be forwarded to our Grand Master.

E∴SIR FRANK B. ELLS: Second the motion.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, you have heard the letter read by the Judge and the motion is seconded. All in favor extend the sword arm. Those opposed, the bridle arm. It is a vote.

November 19, 1954

SIR KNIGHT GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*,
Right Eminent Past Grand Commander,
Grand Commandery, Knights Templars of
Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island,
205 Masonic Temple,
Boston 16, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir Knight Weeks:

John Temple Rice, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, has forwarded to me your letter of November 8th. Your letter contains copy of a letter or Resolution which appears to have been submitted and adopted by the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island at its recent Conclave in Boston on October 30th, 1954. The letter contains a statement relative to the fund which is being raised to restore the steeple of the Old North Church in Boston which was destroyed in a recent hurricane. This letter seems to have been proposed and fostered by Sir Knight Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of your Grand Commandery.

From the historic, patriotic and sentimental viewpoint, the repair of the damage done to the Old North Church by the hurricane and provision for its permanent maintenance is a project which should have the general appeal to every good American. Perhaps the needed fund could be secured by publicity given to such an appeal. In general, this is something that should be decided by each individual unless various organizations by official action desire and decide to make contributions as such.

I gather from the communication which was addressed to me that the suggestion by Sir Knight Wilson is that the balance of the fund of $150,000, or $80,000, be entirely sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. Despite the worthiness of this project, I do not think the Grand Master has the authority or would be justified legally to issue his appeal or pronouncement looking to the accumulation of this fund by contributions. There is no provision in our budget for an expenditure of this kind from the general funds. If anything is done in this connection, I think it must be by official action of the Grand Encampment at its next Conclave. Various kinds of appeals come to my desk, most of which are probably quite worthy. However, without any authority vested in me, in such

cases, I have been compelled to respond negatively to such appeals. You will understand that tangible response to such an appeal would establish a precedent. For that reason, I feel, and I believe others would do likewise, that it is not well to establish such a precedent. You may recall that, at the last Conclave, an effort was made to get the Grand Encampment to commit itself definitely to the raising of funds for completion of a Templar Floor in the George Washington National Memorial. The Grand Encampment decided to further investigate this matter and report on it at the next Triennial in 1955, but it declined to approve of an effort to raise the necessary funds by an appeal to Sir Knights for individual contributions. This matter may be taken up for definite decision at the Conclave in 1955. Some Grand Commanderies are already accumulating their part of the cost of this project, but even this is not done with the approval of the Grand Encampment. The project mentioned in your letter is in some ways similar to this proposal which I have just described. It if is desired that an appeal for the Old North Church be made at the next Conclave in 1955, that is something which those actively interested in it can decide.

To briefly conclude my reply to your letter, I do not think I have any authority to issue a general appeal to the Sir Knights for this project, however worthy it may be. There is considerable hazard in establishing a precedent of this sort, since heretofore the strict policy seems to have been to avoid such precedents. At the present time, there is no fund in the Grand Encampment budget from which any sort of contribution might be made to this project. If the Committee or Commission in charge of the project desires in its own name to make an appeal to Masons, that is something for them to decide. I cannot see my way clear, however, to issue an appeal, as Grand Master, to Knights Templar that they participate in the contributions or submit to assessment for this purpose.

Trusting that I have made my own thinking and position understandable, and with best regards, I am,

Cordially yours,
WM. CATRON GORDON,
Grand Master.

Any further new business?

E∴Grand Warder, will you see if you can find out how near ready they are for lunch?

E∴Sir James B. Henry: R∴E∴Sir, they are ready now.

The Grand Commander: We will recess for lunch and reassemble at 2:15.

(Recess for lunch at 12:30 .P.M.)

RECESS

The Grand Commander: I now declare the Grand Commandery reconvened for business.

The Grand Commander: Sir Knights, now we will have the guest speaker for the day, R∴E∴Sir C. Vernon Eddy, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, Inspecting Officer and Personal Representative of the Most Eminent Sir William Catron Gordon, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

R∴E∴Sir C. Vernon Eddy: R∴E∴Grand Commander, distinguished guests, my fellow Sir Knights. I lack words when I come to thank you and when I come to think of the gracious hospitality that has been shown me and the way I have been used where the Lowells speak only to the Cabots and the Cabots speak only God. Who am I that they speak to me? I want to tell you that nobody could be better pleased than I have been with the reception; it has been most satisfying.

One of the accomplishments of age is that you forget what you are going to say and tomorrow you remember it. So to save some of that regret I have jotted down notes. I am not going to read them but I will have the chance and not forget as I would have otherwise.

Now, in general, the Grand Master gives you certain things to say and he hopes you will say that and emphasize that. One of the things close to his heart is the Patriotic Activities Committee, what they do and how active they are. Now that is a way we can bring ourselves to the attention of the public; not that we want to be ostentatious at all but it is the main objective of Templary, not flag waving or Fourth of July observances but anything that will promote American ideals, further civic enterprises, and also help further the exercise of suffrage rights. Down in Virginia we are supposed to be a Democratic State, and you know that a lot of people don't take the trouble to register and vote. It may not be true up here where people pay a little more attention than we do down there. We are just naturally Democratic. Up here, I am sure it does not apply and you know what I mean. The Grand Master says that it would be a good thing when you contact a fellow like that that you get him to register and vote.

Now, encourage and assist the smaller Commanderies and they will learn to be proficient and not dependent on help. The fellows from the neighboring Commanderies who do this and that — this applies to ritual work, full form, and so forth — have proper leadership. With proper leadership, and practice, any Commandery can be proficient and any group of officers can be proficient. Full form openings in an official manner is a must. I don't know how that applies up here but if you could see my Commandery in Virginia they will cut the full form opening.

The Grand Master says that every effort should be made by every means to reclaim demitted and suspended members. Membership can be cemented by giving them something to do and by contacting them by bulletins, mimeographed messages, announcements, plans and activities.

Educational Foundation. The Grand Master says that is a prime objective of Templary and brings into prominence the ideals of our Christian Order. There seem to be ample funds and some Divisions show results but others are apathetic and diffident.

The observance of Christian Festival Days such as Christmas, Easter, and Ascension Sunday, focuses the attention on the important segments of our Saviour's life. Such activities publicize our sincere devotion to the ideal of our Christian Order.

Now, don't forget that next year we are going to have the Grand Encampment in New York and I have talked with a good many people as to what the effect is going to be on that heterogeneous, cosmopolitan type that compose the population of New York City. As you know, a group of some branch of the Christian Church filled Yankee Stadium several years ago. They had lots of zeal in their organization. Let us show New York what we stand for and that population there. We should draw tremendous crowds in the parade of Templary in clean and attractive uniforms and it would have an outstanding effect on the citizens there.

The Grand Master must have run into something like this. He advises that the Charter in the Commanderies is not on view or accessible at every Conclave. He says it should be and must be as it is in the Blue Lodges. There should not be a Conclave without the Charter being in the room. Well, that brings forth the further remark that there should be a duplicate of every Charter so in case the original is lost you have something that can be copied from to make one exactly like the other.

Let me say something elementary about the Grand Encampment review. I think it is a very valuable source of inspiration to the ordinary Templar who doesn't see things like we do in an official position. It is a simple matter for a Commandery — it only costs 50c a year — to get a couple of copies and send it to the officers and then it would be his duty to come to the following Conclave, having digested what is in that review, to explain it for the ordinary fellow along the side lines. That is a simple matter and so elementary I hate to mention it. It is a thing to bring to the attention of the rank and file who don't see a review and don't know what is going on.

Your Grand Recorder knows how to take care of his Ritual. The Grand Master must have run into something about the accounting of rituals.

Now, I am going to call your attention to something that is just a little story. There was on one occasion a wise man in the East named Harkum — this may be familar to you but it is appropriate — who was talking to a young man and giving him wise instruction in living and the success of the particular business that he was engaged in. Harkum concluded his remarks by saying: "Young man, the priceless ingredient of every product is the honor and integrity of its maker."

Sir Knights, no truer words were ever spoken. The priceless ingredient of every Templar is his own personal honor and integrity in living up to the Order. If you will live up to those obligations and solemn vows there is no fear for the future of Templary and this country. May God help us all to achieve that much to be desired goal. Thank you.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you, R∴E∴Sir.

Now, before I forget this, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to R∴E∴Sir George B. Sampson who appointed me in line to this Grand Commandery. I did my very best not to let him down. George, I thank you.

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE B. SAMPSON: R∴E∴Sir, I didn't know you were going to say anything like that but I think that everyone in this assembly will agree with me that I am fairly satisfied. Thank you very much.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard, will you present the Eminent Grand Warder to the East.

(E∴Sir James B. Henry was presented in the East.)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Jimmie, eleven years ago we started out on this journey and we have had some nice times. We did have some tough times but mostly they were nice times. It is my pleasure at this time, in order that you may have some proper recognition, to pin this jewel on you with my compliments.

Now, you are properly dressed as a Past Grand Warder. Somebody said that they are a dime a dozen but I don't believe that. I thank you for all your help and I would also like to thank E∴Sir Bill West for taking your place temporarily but I can't give him one of the buttons. Now you will be properly clothed if you will take those off your shoulders and pin these on and give the others to Bill McCormick.

E∴SIR JAMES B. HENRY: Thank you, boss. It has been a pleasure for me to have had the job of looking after this fellow for the past eleven years. I think I am now a graduate gentlemen's gentleman. I have looked forward with much anticipation to the fruition of your life's work in Templary. It has been the most happy time in my life to have gone along with you and see you reach this pinnacle. If it is not too much of a note of levity I promised a certain individual a number of years ago that if I

ever reached the position of Past Grand Warder that I would ask that he be permitted to come to the East and escort me to that land from whose bond no Past Grand Warder ever returns. If I may have your permission? E∴Sir Mills, I am looking forward to your escorting me.

E∴Sir W. Howard Mills: Past Grand Warder Henry, you have indeed achieved greatness this afternoon. I don't know whether we will allow you into this organization of ours but as I said downstairs we will give you an "A" for effort.

The Grand Commander: Now, Sir Knights, as my Grand Warder said, I have reached the pinnacle of my aspirations in Templary. I appreciate it very much; I love it; and I am going to miss it.

Now comes the time for the election. R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker, will you assume the East?

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: Sir Knights, as you can all see by that clock up there it is exactly two-thirty which is the time when we elect a Grand Commander for the ensuing year. Now is the time to put in nomination the name of him who is to serve you as Grand Commander for the ensuing year.

E∴Sir William C. McCormick: R∴E∴Sir, I deem it a privilege and a pleasure at this time to nominate Kenneth H. Earle as Grand Commander.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: Any further nominations?

E∴Sir Colin Sharp: R∴E∴Sir, as presiding Commander of St. Johns Commandery it is my pleasure to second the nomination and may I also move that the nominations be closed and a vote taken by acclamation.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: Any further nominations? If not, I declare the nominations closed. All in favor of Kenneth H. Earle of St. Johns Commandery, No. 1, say "aye." Are there any opposed? I declare Kenneth H. Earle elected unanimously as Grand Commander of this jurisdiction.

I am going to appoint a committee of Past Grand Commanders together with the Past Commanders of St. Johns Commandery, No. 1, to serve as a committee to find Sir Knight Earle and conduct him into the Commandery. Most Eminent Harry Pollard will serve as the chairman of the committee.

(The escort and committee retired and returned with the Grand Commander elect.)

M∴E∴Sir Harry G. Pollard: R∴E∴Sir, agreeable to your request I have, with my very distinguished committee, searched through the various apartments of the Temple and finally dug up the small, young gentleman and brought him here. I believe

that you have something important to say to him and I think he is going to be very happy. I present Sir Knight Kenneth H. Earle.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: Will you please conduct E∴ Sir Earle to the East so he can hear my voice more easily.

Sir Knight Earle, much to your surprise, no doubt, I am about to tell you that you have been unanimously elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the year 1954 and 1955. My heartiest congratulations to you. Will you accept the election?

V∴E∴Sir Kenneth H. Earle: I will and I thank you, Sir, and I thank everyone here.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: You may be seated.

(The Sir Knights were seated and the escort and committee dismissed.)

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: Sir Knights, nominations are in order for the office of Deputy Grand Commander.

R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson: R∴E∴Sir, I place in nomination for the office of Deputy Grand Commander the present Grand Generalissimo whom I had the pleasure of appointing years ago, Sir Knight Mortimer W. Schroeder of Everett.

E∴Sir Charles W. Gurdy: R∴E∴Sir, it is my pleasure to second the nomination of Sir Knight Mortimer W. Schroeder for Deputy Grand Commander. I move that the nominations be closed and that the ballot be by acclamation.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: Are there any other nominations? Hearing none I declare the nominations closed. All in favor of the election of Mortimer Walter Schroeder as Deputy Grand Commander say "aye." Opposed, "no." I declare Sir Knight Mortimer W. Schroeder elected as Deputy Grand Commander. Do you accept the election?

E∴Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder: R∴E∴Sir, I do accept and and will continue to serve to the best of my ability.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: May we have nominations for the office of Grand Generalissimo?

R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson: R∴E∴Sir, this is another one of my appointments. I have the pleasure and honor of advancing the present Grand Captain General, Sir Thomas A. Booth, to the office of Grand Generalissimo.

E∴Sir Erford W. Poole: R∴E∴Sir, as a lowly Deputy Grand Warder I would like the privilege of seconding the nomination of my superior officer whom I consider a loyal friend.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: You have done well, Sir. I declare the nominations closed. All in favor of Sir Knight Thomas

A. Booth as Grand Generalissimo say "aye." Opposed? Sir Knight Booth, you have been unanimously elected Grand Generalissimo. Do you accept?

E∴Sir Thomas A. Booth: R∴E∴Sir, I do and I want to thank the Sir Knights. I will continue to try to do my best.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: Now may we have nominations for Grand Captain General.

R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson: R∴E∴Sir, I am now speaking for you.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: Thank you.

R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson: I have the honor to nominate one of your appointments for the office of Grand Captain General, that of Sir Knight Dwight C. Page of Worcester.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: You speak for me well.

E∴Sir John W. Abbott: R∴E∴Sir, I second the nomination of Sir Knight Dwight C. Page for the office of Grand Captain General of this Grand Commandery. I move that the nominations be closed and the election be by acclamation.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: Any further nominations? I declare the nominations closed. All in favor of Sir Knight Dwight C. Page as Grand Captain General say "aye." Opposed? I declare Sir Knight Dwight C. Page unanimously elected Grand Captain General for the ensuing year. Sir Knight Page, foot and all, do you accept?

E∴Sir Dwight C. Page: R∴E∴Sir, I shall always be very happy to serve this Grand Commandery in any way possible. I would like to thank the Sir Knights for their continued confidence and support.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: Now may we have nominations for the office of Grand Senior Warden.

R∴E∴Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.: R∴E∴Sir, four years ago as Grand Commander it became my privilege to consider the possibilities of two outstanding Eminent Sir Knights. Believing as I do that the requirements of this militant Order require aggressive leadership I choose as the first choice the man who was the outstanding Commander for the then outstanding Commandery for the previous year. I now take the opportunity of nominating — he now having reached the office of Grand Junior Warden — E∴Sir Alfred C. Blake for the office of Grand Senior Warden.

E∴Sir Frank B. Ells: R∴E∴Sir, as a member of that distinguished Grand Warders group I second the nomination and I move you, Sir, that the nominations be closed and that he be elected by acclamation.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: Any further nominations? I declare the nominations closed. All in favor of Sir Knight Alfred C. Blake say "aye." Any opposed? Sir Knight Blake, I declare you unanimously elected as Grand Senior Warden. Do you accept?

E∴Sir Alfred C. Blake: R∴E∴Sir, I do and I want to express my appreciation to all of the Eminent Sir Knights here for their confidence in me. I hope, and will certainly try, to justify that confidence.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: The next office to be filled will be that of Grand Junior Warden. Nominations are now in order.

R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin: R∴E∴Sir, it so happened that during my year my appointment passed on but Jack Hinds came along and made two appointments. Some time before he was taken he asked me if I would sponsor one of his candidates. Therefore, I am putting into nomination an Eminent Sir of De Molay Commandery, a man whose character and integrity are beyond reproach; a man who has worked well in Templary and has traveled the state and is liked by all Sir Knights.

He will make an outstanding officer and it is a pleasure for me to nominate Sir Knight Elliott N. Holley for the office of Grand Junior Warden.

E∴Sir John J. Mick: R∴E∴Sir, I would like to second that nomination.

R∴E∴Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.: R∴E∴Sir, in my nomination for the preceding office I stated that it was my privilege to look around and notice two outstanding Templars from two outstanding Commanderies. As I stated, I chose the next outstanding Commander from the next outstanding Commandery of that year and made a second appointment. In due course that man was reappointed by lovable Jack Hinds to whom reference has just been made; and in due time he was reappointed by R∴E∴Sir Fairbanks of Pilgrim Commandery.

There having been efforts down through the years to eliminate the service of this Sir Knight, there have been efforts to drop this Sir Knight. This year he would have received this particular office. I took the trouble, as his original sponsor, and to have my judgment corroborated, to check the distorted stories of things purported done. I am glad to state, for the record, to have found those 99.99% incorrect. I therefore told him that this afternoon I would be only too glad to nominate him this afternoon for this office to which he aspires.

He has made two statements to me. The first was that there were Eminent Sir Knights here today who would think that he was making an effort to break into the line and not assume the office to which he was entitled; and to him, with his love for Templary, he felt that he should not throw anything into the Conclave that would bring anything other than harmony.

I comply with his request and yet I believe that this Grand Commandery line could gain more aggressive and militant leadership when I receive, after having submitted the request in writing, that out of only 24,000 Chapter Masons in Massachusetts less than half have become Templars in the Commonwealth; and although there are 5,100 in Rhode Island far less than half of them have become Knights in Rhode Island. So I greatly regret the failure to have the opportunity to keep in the Grand Commandery line that needed aggressive, militant leadership of which I speak.

I refrain from nominating him, therefore, and second the nomination, and move the nominations be closed, for that outstanding Templar, Elliott Holley, and move it be unanimous.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: Are there any further nominations? I declare the nominations closed. All in favor of the election of Sir Knight Elliott Holley as Grand Junior Warden say "aye." Opposed, "no." I declare Sir Knight Elliott Holley unanimously elected to the office of Grand Junior Warden. Sir Knight Holley, do you accept the election?

E∴Sir Elliott N. Holley: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I do accept the nomination and would like to take this opportunity to thank the Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery, each and every one of them, for the confidence they have placed in me and assure them that to the very best of my ability I will serve them in this office the very best I can. Again, Sir Knights, I thank you.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: Do we have nominations for the office of Grand Treasurer?

R∴E∴Sir Charles F. Fairbanks, 2nd.: R∴E∴Sir, it has been my privilege before — even though he may give out cigars so he can't pay 3¾%, but one good turn deserves another — to again nominate R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin to the office of Grand Treasurer.

R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines: You don't call those cigars do you?

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: I declare the nominations closed. All in favor of the election of A. Kenneth Martin as Grand Treasurer say "aye." Any opposed? I declare you unanimously re-elected. Do you accept?

R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin: I do accept; and I would like to state publicly that the Brockton Savings Bank of Brockton is another good bank.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: We can agree on that without a vote.

Nominations for Grand Recorder.

E∴Sir Allan Campbell, Jr.: R∴E∴Sir, as a lowly Past Commander I have the privilege to stand in the shoes of Charlie Pike and nominate the best Grand Recorder in the Grand Encampment

of the United States of America, and with that nomination that we give a vote of confidence to Sir Knight George A. Weeks, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

E∴Sir Ralph W. Copeland: R∴E∴Sir, I would like to second that and move that the nominations be closed and that the election be by acclamation.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: Any further nominations? I declare the nominations closed. All those in favor of the election of R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks as Grand Recorder together with a vote of confidence say "aye." Any opposed, "no." R∴E∴Sir, I declare you unanimously re-elected with a vote of confidence from the Fraters of your Grand Commandery. Do you accept?

R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks: R∴E∴Sir, I thank you and I will accept.

R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines: R∴E∴Sir, I don't know whether anybody has been planning to make this but due to the fact that you usually run this thing may I take the pleasure of nominating the present incumbent, E∴Sir Archibald T. Meikle as Trustee of the Grand Fund.

R∴E∴Sir Benjamin F. Downing: Second.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: Any other nominations? If not, all in favor of Sir Knight Archibald T. Meikle as Trustee of the Grand Fund say "aye." Any opposed, "no." I declare him elected and, as he isn't here, I will accept for him.

Eminent Grand Commander, thank you for allowing me to run your election. If you will now assume the East and complete the work of the afternoon.

The Grand Commander: R∴E∴Sir, if you will allow me to express my thanks to you for running the election we will be even.

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: We are even.

The Grand Commander: R∴E∴Sir elect, do you have your installing officers picked out?

V∴E∴Sir Kenneth H. Earle: R∴E∴Sir Ben Downing.

The Grand Commander: R∴E∴Sir Downing, will you assume the position of honor up here. R∴E∴Sir Sprague, you are a part of the team as I understand it.

(The officers assembled for the ceremony of installation.)

R∴E∴Sir Harold W. Sprague: I present Sir Knight Kenneth H. Earle who has been duly elected Grand Commander for the ensuing year.

R∴E∴Sir Benjamin F. Downing: Sir Knights, attention! (R∴E∴Sir Benjamin F. Downing conferred the obligation on the Grand Commander elect.)

R∴E∴Sir Benjamin F. Downing: Sir Knights, be seated.

Now, R∴E∴Sir, allow me first to congratulate you and remind you that the Sir Knights present elevated you to the highest position within their power. I know that every Sir Knight in this Jurisdiction wishes you a most successful year and I would remind those of Grand Commandery today that your work and cooperation will mean as much in the success of the Templar year to come as the very fine efforts of your Commander whom you have chosen today. And now, a little late, I will invest you with the jewel of your office and conduct you to the East. If you have anything to say now is a good time and also to announce your appointments.

The Grand Commander: R∴E∴Sirs, and Sir Knights. I want to most sincerely thank everyone here for electing me to this station. It doesn't seem possible that I could have been in Commandery so many years and be inactive for the first fifteen years of them and then become as active as I have since 1940. Certainly when I joined my Commandery I never anticipated being its Commander and I didn't even know there was a Grand Commandery. But I am here to do the very best I can only with 100% support of the 14,000 and some odd members of our Grand Commandery.

I would first like to take this opportunity to thank Sir Knight, Captain of the Guard, Morgan and all of the members of the escort who have come up here from Providence and I think have done an excellent job. Let's give them a hand.

I also want to thank the Past Commanders of St. Johns who have come up here today. Thank you, Eminent Sirs.

R∴E∴Sir Benjamin F. Downing: Now, Right Eminent Sir, you will announce your Appointments for 1954–1955?

(The Grand Commander announced his Appointments with the following comment.)

Those of you who noticed that we stopped at the 7th Division we are operating on a seven division set-up this year. Eminent Sir Clark, for those of you who may not know it, had to drop out of line this year due to other commitments. We are sorry he had to make the move but he felt it was necessary.

Thank you all.

Now, R∴E∴Sir, if you will carry on with the installation.

Following is a List of Officers elected, appointed and installed.

Grand Commander, Kenneth H. Earle,
216 Turks Head Building, Providence, R. I.
St. Johns Commandery No. 1, K. T.

Deputy Grand Commander, Mortimer W. Schroeder
46 Warren Street, Everett, Mass.
Beauseant Commandery No. 41, K. T.

Grand Generalissimo Thomas A. Booth,
163 Plymouth Street, New Bedford, Mass.
Sutton Commandery No. 16, K. T.

Grand Captain General, Dwight C. Page,
22 Alden Avenue, Shrewsbury, Mass
Worcester County Commandery, No. 5, K. T.

Grand Senior Warden, Alfred C. Blake,
1109 Pemberton Building, Boston, Mass.
Boston Commandery, No. 2, K. T.

Grand Junior Warden, Elliott N. Holley 11 Winn Street, Belmont, Mass.
De Molay Commandery No. 7, K. T.

Grand Prelate, Rev. Frank B. Crandall,
29 Winter Island Road, Salem, Mass.
Athol Commandery No. 37, K. T.

Associate Grand Prelates
Rev. T. Frederick Marshall 261 South Street, Wrentham, Mass.
Cyprus Commandery No. 39, K. T.
Rev. Otis L. Mason 777 Hicks Street, Fall River, Mass.
Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 25, K. T.

Grand Treasurer, A. Kenneth Martin 96 Park Avenue, So. Weymouth
South Shore Commandery No. 31, K. T.

Grand Recorder, George A. Weeks,
Room 205 Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass.
St. Omer Commandery No. 21, K. T.

Grand Standard Bearer, Clarence E. Booth,
15 Cotton Street, Leominster, Mass.
Jerusalem Commandery No. 18, K. T.

Grand Sword Bearer, Raymond L. Hall,
c/o Parker Co., 31 St. James Avenue, Boston, Mass.
Bethany Commandery No. 17, K. T.

Grand Warder, William C. McCormick,
28 Moorland Avenue, Cranston 5, R. I.
St. Johns Commandery No. 1, K. T.

Grand Captain of the Guard, Raymond D. Douglass,
18 Oak Avenue, Belmont, Mass.
St. Bernard Commandery No. 12, K. T.

Grand Sentinel, Clarence R. Davis
27 Kilgore Avenue, West Medford, Mass.
De Molay Commandery No. 7, K. T.

Division Commander — 6th Division, William F. West,
84 Armington Street, Edgewood, R. I.
Calvary Commandery No. 13, K. T.

Division Commander — 7th Division, Louis A. Beaudoin,
65 Austin Street, Newtonville, Mass.
Gethsemane Commandery No. 35, K. T.

Inspector Instructor, Clyde L. Carter,
20 Peacevale Road, Dorchester, Mass.
St. Omer Commandery, No. 21, K. T.

COMMITTEES 1954–1955

Trustees of the Grand Fund

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker, 1955
R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines, 1956
E∴Sir Archibald T. Meikle, 1957
R∴E∴Kenneth H. Earle, *ex-officio*
R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin, *ex-officio*

Jurisprudence

E∴Sir Louis L. Green, *Chairman*
E∴Sir Bert E. Holland
E∴Sir Whitfield Johnson
E∴Sir Winfield Temple
R∴E∴Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.

Finance

E∴Sir Leon L. Allen, *Chairman*, 1956
E∴Sir Arthur R. Dorward, 1955
E∴Sir Howard A. Gray, 1957

Educational

E∴Sir Clarence R. Davis, *Chairman*, 1955
E∴Sir Raymond D. Douglass
R∴E∴Sir Harold W. Sprague
E∴Sir S. Kenneth Skolfield
E∴Sir Robert E. Powell
R∴E∴Sir Kenneth H. Earle, *ex-officio*
V∴E∴Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder, *ex-officio*
R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin, *ex-officio*

Charters and Dispensations

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker, *Chairman*
R∴E∴Sir George B. Sampson
R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson

Credentials

E∴Sir William Turner, *Chairman*
E∴Sir Walter E. Furber
E∴Sir Harold L. Burr
E∴Sir Arthur E. Erickson

Auditor for 1954–1955

E∴Sir Hurlbut L. Plummer

Printing

R∴E∴Sir Kenneth H. Earle, *Chairman*
V∴E∴Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder
E∴Sir Elliott N. Holley
R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks, *ex-officio*

Deputy Grand Warders

E∴Sir Charles W. Gurdy
E∴Sir Erford W. Poole
E∴Sir John W. Abbott
E∴Sir Herman C. McStay
E∴Sir John J. Mick
E∴Sir John F. Widlund
E∴Sir Edward F. Gogan
E∴Sir T. Legare Fenn
E∴Sir William H. Blaney
E∴Sir Gerald F. D. Reichley

Inspection and Tactics

R∴E∴Sir Kenneth H. Earle, *Chairman*
R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks
E∴Sir Prescott W. Eaton
E∴Sir William A. Odell
E∴Sir Everett B. Byles

New Membership and Publicity

R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson, *Chairman*
E∴Sir Alfred C. Blake
E∴Sir Elliott N. Holley
E∴Sir Clarence E. Booth
E∴Sir Raymond L. Hall
E∴Sir Raymond D. Douglass
E∴Sir William F. West
E∴Sir Louis A. Beaudoin
Sir Kt. Harvey Leggee

Triennial

R∴E∴Sir Kenneth H. Earle, *Chairman*
V∴E∴Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder
E∴Sir Thomas A. Booth
E∴Sir Dwight C. Page
R∴E∴Sir Harold W. Sprague
R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks
R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson
R∴E∴Sir Benjamin F. Downing
R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin, *Treasurer*

Patriotic Activities

V∴E∴Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder
All Division Commanders

York Rite Committee of Mass.

R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson
R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks
E∴Sir Clarence E. Booth

Social Activities

The Presiding Council Club, Eastern Massachusetts, Knights Templars Officers' Association of Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts.
Past Commanders' Association.

Necrology

E∴Sir Rev. Frank B. Crandall, *Chairman*
Sir Kt. Rev. T. Frederick Marshall
E∴Sir Rev. Otis L. Mason

Christmas Offering and Good Cheer

R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks, *Chairman*
E∴Sir Donald W. Kenneth
E∴Sir Herbert Y. Follett
E∴Sir Colin Sharp
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(R∴E∴Sir Harold W. Sprague makes the Official Proclamation)

R∴E∴Sir Benjamin F. Downing: Thank you, Harold.

The Grand Commander: May I take this opportunity to thank R∴E∴Sir Ben Downing and R∴E∴Sir Harold Sprague for this ceremony.

May I call attention to the fact that the inspection of Woonsocket Commandery has been changed to February 15th. That is the only change on the set to the best of my knowledge.

Of course, this Triennial in New York next August will be one of the big things we are going to attend. We are going to try to get a crowd out for that and now that I have scanned through this itinerary I will just highlight it for you. Leave here August 21, on Sunday, on the Bay State and staying through Thursday, two in a room; coach fare round trip each $42.50; family plan, husband and wife, two in a room, is $80.25. However, if there are two gentlemen the rate is different. You had better take your wife and save $4.75.

In addition, I asked to have the agency try to develop some idea of finding out some plan for those of us who might like to stay Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The most logical trip I have heard of is getting on the train Thursday afternoon for two and one-half hour trip to the Poconos; staying there Friday and Saturday; leaving Sunday, arriving late in the afternoon in New York, and getting back to Boston late in the evening. The additional cost to the Poconos and Delaware Water Gap, including transportation by train, hotel accommodations, including a good room with twin beds and bath, American plan, $68.00 for each person.

I am just handing these out so you will have some idea of what may be available. I hope sometime during the next month that we will be able to get this more concrete. One of the agencies has rooms already reserved in a hotel and I presume this agency does also.

Is there anything else to come before this Grand Commandery?

THE GRAND COMMANDER: R∴E∴Sir Kennedy, do you have a duty to perform?

R∴E∴SIR FREDERIC KENNEDY: I believe so. With your permission, R∴E∴Sir, I will ask the Junior Past Grand Commander to step down on the floor.

Harrie, welcome to the hasbeens but it is better to have been a hasbeen than a neverwas. I am not of the same profession as one of our distinguished guests who is here today from Connecticut. Neither am I a man of Cloth. But yet a part of these duties that I have to perform at the present moment could conceivably come under the head of the performance of the last rites. I have been asked to present to you, that you may be properly dressed — because you have got to take those shoulder boards off quite soon now and hand them over to your successor — I have been asked to present you with a pair of Past Grand Commander's shoulder straps and also a medallion for your chapeau and that will bring you pretty much up to date with one exception. I see you are only wearing one jewel at the present time and you are entitled to one more at least from this Grand Commandery. Harrie, it is indeed a pleasure and a privilege for me, on behalf of Grand Commandery, to present and pin on your coat this Past Grand Commander's jewel that you may have tangible evidence that you also have served. This jewel, I think, will mean quite a great deal to you, more than its intrinsic value, because it was formerly worn by one of our late Past Grand Commanders, a man from your own state, R∴E∴Sir Norris Abbott, and it has been turned over to you for you to wear. I hope, Harrie, that you will get a great deal of pleasure and enjoyment out of it. I know you will and I know you will especially treasure it coming from one of your own, you might say. Congratulations, Harrie, and I owe you a debt of gratitude for taking me out of the position of Junior Past.

R∴E∴SIR HARRIE M. TAFT: I thank you and I thank the Grand Commandery for the shoulder straps and medallion. I thank them for this jewel from Norris Abbot and his son. They asked me if I wouldn't like to have it. I thank you, Fred, for your being the one to present it to me. I thank everybody in Grand Commandery. I soon will be dressed up, Ken.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: I would like to say that Olivet Commandery is not putting on the Church service this year. I have received a communication from them and they frankly state they will not try it. I do hope the service can be continued and we will have to arrange it later on in the season.

One of the men who carries on at many of the inspections and one of the unsung heroes is Harry Rodgers. Let's give him a hand.

Any other business to come before this Annual Conclave?

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I

think there is one item. There are two dates available for the Annual Conclave in 1955. You can hold it on Saturday, October 29, or the next date which would be open would be Monday, October 31. These two days are available.

E∴SIR WILLIAM TURNER: R∴E∴Sir, today there are 46 Commanderies represented by 237 signed cards and 6 proxies making a total of 243.

THE GRAND COMMANER: Thank you, Sir.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, Attention! Eminent Grand Prelate, you will lead our devotions.

REV. and E∴SIR FRANK B. CRANDALL: May the Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you: The Lord lift up His countenance and give you peace forever more. Amen.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, recover.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: I now declare the 151st Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island adjourned.

The 151st Conclave adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Courteously yours,

GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Grand Recorder

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

205 Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston 16, Mass.

November 10, 1953

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 1
SERIES 1953–1954

ORGANIZATION FOR 1953–1954

Grand Commander, HARRIE M. TAFT, 20 Frankfort St., Providence, R. I.
Calvary Commandery No. 13, K. T.

Deputy Grand Commander, KENNETH H. EARLE
216 Turks Head Building, Providence, R. I.
St. Johns Commandery No. 1, K. T.

Grand Generalissimo, MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER,
46 Warren St., Everett, Mass.
Beauseant Commandery No. 41, K. T.

Grand Captain General, THOMAS A. BOOTH,
163 Plymouth St., New Bedford, Mass.
Sutton Commandery No. 16, K. T.

Grand Senior Warden, DWIGHT C. PAGE, 87–14 Park Ave., Worcester, Mass.
Worcester County Commandery No. 5, K. T.

Grand Junior Warden, ALFRED C. BLAKE,
1109 Pemberton Building, Boston, Mass.
Boston Commandery No. 2, K. T.

Grand Prelates

REV. LUTHER L. WELLER, 22 Taft Avenue, Lexington, Mass.
Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34, K. T.

REV. FRANK B. CRANDALL, 25 Winter Island Road, Salem, Mass
Athol Commandery No. 37, K. T.

Associate Grand Prelates

REV. T. FREDERICK MARSHALL, 261 South Street, Wrentham, Mass.
Cyprus Commandery No. 39, K. T.

REV. OTIS L. MASON, 777 Hicks Street, Fall River, Mass.
Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 25, K. T.

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Grand Recorder, GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Room 205 Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass.
St. Omer Commandery No. 21, K. T.

Grand Standard Bearer, ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY,
11 Winn Street, Belmont, Mass.
De Molay Commandery No. 7, K. T.

Grand Sword Bearer, CLARENCE E. BOOTH,
15 Cotton Street, Leominster, Mass.
Jerusalem Commandery No. 19, K. T.

Grand Warder, JAMES B. HENRY, 350 Orms Street, Providence, R. I.
Calvary Commandery No. 13, K. T.

Grand Captain of the Guard, RAYMOND L. HALL,
87 High Street, Andover, Mass.
Bethany Commandery No. 17, K. T.

Grand Sentinel, CLARENCE R. DAVIS,
27 Kilgore Avenue, West Medford, Mass.
De Molay Commandery No. 7, K. T.

Division Commander — 6th Division, WILLIAM F. CLARK
660 Belmont Street, Watertown, Mass.
Cambridge Commandery No. 42, K. T.

Division Commander — 7th Division RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS
18 Oak Avenue, Belmont, Mass.
St. Bernard Commandery No. 12, K. T.

Division Commander — 8th Division, WILLIAM F. WEST
84 Armington Street, Edgewood, R. I.
Calvary Commandery No. 13, K. T.

Inspector Instructor, CLYDE L. CARTER
20 Peacevale Road, Dorchester, Mass.
St. Omer Commandery No. 21, K. T.

COMMITTEES 1953–1954

Trustees of the Grand Fund

R∴E∴Sir Harrie M. Taft, *ex-officio*
R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin, *ex-officio*
E∴Sir Archibald T. Meikle, 1954
R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker, 1955
R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines, 1956

Jurisprudence

E∴Sir Louis L. Green, *Chairman*
E∴Sir Bert E. Holland
E∴Sir Whitfield Johnson
E∴Sir Winfield Temple
E∴Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.

Finance

E∴Sir Leon L. Allen, *Chairman, 1956*
E∴Sir Arthur R. Dorward, 1955
E∴Sir Howard A. Gray, 1954

Educational

E∴Sir Clarence R. Davis, *Chairman, 1955*
E∴Sir Frank B. Ells
E∴Sir Raymond D. Douglass
R∴E∴Sir Harold W. Sprague
E∴Sir Kenneth Skolfield
R∴E∴Sir Harrie M. Taft, *ex-officio*
V∴E∴Sir Kenneth H. Earle, *ex-officio*
R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin, *ex-officio*

Charters and Dispensations

I∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker, *Chairman*
R∴E∴Sir George B. Sampson
R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson

Deputy Grand Warders

E∴Sir James B. Henry
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E∴Sir Charles W. Gurdy
E∴Sir Erford W. Poole
E∴Sir John W. Abbott
E∴Sir Herman C. McStay
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E∴Sir John F. Widlund
E∴Sir Edward F. Gogan
E∴Sir Murray K. Worden
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E∴Sir Arthur E. Erickson

Inspection and Tactics

R∴E∴Sir Harrie M. Taft, *Chairman*
R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks
E∴Sir Clarence R. Davis
E∴Sir William A. Odell
E∴Sir Everett B. Byles

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R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson, *Chairman*
E∴Sir Dwight C. Page
E∴Sir Alfred C. Blake
E∴Sir Elliott N. Holley
E∴Sir Clarence E. Booth
E∴Sir Raymond L. Hall
E∴Sir William F. Clark
E∴Sir Raymond D. Douglass
E∴Sir William F. West
Sir Kt. Harvey Leggee

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R∴E∴Sir Harrie M. Taft, *Chairman*
V∴E∴Sir Kenneth H. Earle
E∴Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder
E∴Sir Thomas A. Booth
R∴E∴Sir Harold W. Sprague
R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks
R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson
R∴E∴Sir Frederic Kennedy
R∴E∴Sir A. Kennth Martin, *Treasurer*

Credentials

E ∴ Sir William Turner, *Chairman*
E ∴ Sir Walter E. Furber
E ∴ Sir Harold L. Burr
E ∴ Sir Arthur E. Erickson

Auditor for 1953–1954

E ∴ Sir Hurlbut L. Plummer

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R ∴ E ∴ Sir Harrie M. Taft, *Chairman*
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E ∴ Sir Charles W. Pike
R ∴ E ∴ Sir George A. Weeks, *ex-officio*

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E ∴ Sir Clyde L. Carter

Necrology

E ∴ Sir Frank B. Crandall, *Chairman*
E ∴ Sir Rev. T. Frederick Marshall
E ∴ Sir Rev. Otis L. Mason

Christmas Offering and Good Cheer

R ∴ E ∴ Sir George A. Weeks, *Chairman*
E ∴ Sir Donald W. Kenneth
E ∴ Sir Herbert Y. Follett
E ∴ Sir William H. Miller
E ∴ Sir Leslie V. Richards

Patriotic Activities

V ∴ E ∴ Sir Kenneth H. Earle
All Division Commanders

Social Activities

The Presiding Council Club, Eastern Massachusetts, Knights Templars Officers' Association of Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts.
Past Commanders' Association.

Social Extension Representatives

E ∴ Sir Herbert A. Lang

Public Relations

The Grand Warders' Association
E ∴ Sir Edward F. Norton

Courteously yours,
HARRIE M. TAFT
Grand Commander

ATTEST:
GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS
AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF
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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND GOOD CHEER

COMMITTEE

RT. EM. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Chairman*
EM. SIR DONALD W. KENNETH
EM. SIR HERBERT Y. FOLLETT
EM. SIR WILLIAM H. MILLER
EM. SIR LESLIE V. RICHARDS

Boston, November 2, 1953

"Nowtherefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin,
and turn again with me, that I may worship the Lord."
I Samuel 15:25

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 1
SERIES 1953–1954

To the Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction:

Greetings:

Once again the Christmas Season draws near and our thoughts at this time turn to the relief of our distressed Fraters and their families.

It has been the custom in years past, during the Christmas Season, for the Sir Knights to contribute to a Christmas Fund within their own Commanderies. This Fund to be expended in its entirety, under the direction of the Eminent Commander, for the purpose of bringing happiness and cheer into the hearts and homes of other less fortunate than ourselves. When your needy members are taken care of, it will be in order to extend this assistance outside your ranks, with preference to families where there are children.

> "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." — *Galatians 6-10*

Let each Sir Knight make his donation to this worthy cause and, if financially able, contribute at least $1.00 (or as much as his means will allow), to his Commandery Christmas Fund which may be enclosed in the return envelope for your convenience. The heartfelt thanks and appreciation of the grateful recipients will be your personal satisfaction and reward.

This Official Order is to be read at the head of the lines at the Conclave immediately following its receipt and the results reported to me on forms furnished by Grand Commandery.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Grand Commandery on the first day of November, nineteen hundred fifty-two, A.O. 835.

Courteously yours,

HARRIE M. TAFT,
Grand Commander

ATTEST:
GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Grand Recorder.

December 18, 1953

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 2
SERIES 1953–1954

To the Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction

Greetings:

At Inspections, all Officers must be (active or honorary) members of the Commandery inspected, unless an emergency shall arise — this to be determined by the Inspecting Officer.

All suggestions on any subject pertaining to the interpretation of Ritual must be referred to the Grand Commandery Officer where the Master Ritual is on file.

Re: PROXY VOTING — ARTICLE IV, Section 4, Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Commandery K.T. and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

"The Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captain Generals for the time being, of Commanderies under this Jurisdiction, who may be unable to attend the Conclaves of Grand Commandery in person, shall have the power to appoint a Proxy, who shall be a member of the same Commandery. Said Proxy shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of his constituent except that of taking his rank in Grand Commandery. Said Proxy must, at the time of his service, present a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment, and shall not by virtue of his delegated authority become a member of Grand Commandery."

This Official Order is to be read at the Head of the Lines at the Conclave immediately following its receipt.

Given under my hand, and the seal of this Grand Commandery, on the 17th day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, A.O. 835.

Courtesously yours,

HARRIE M. TAFT,
Grand Commander

ATTEST:
GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Grand Recorder.

REPORT OF

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND GOOD CHEER

COMMITTEE

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Chairman*

EM. SIR DONALD W. KENNETH — EM. SIR WILLIAM H. MILLER
EM. SIR HERBERT Y. FOLLETT — EM. SIR LESLIE V. RICHARDS

Boston, Mass., April 1, 1954, A.O. 836

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 3
SERIES 1953–1954

To the Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Greetings:

The contributions made by the various Commanderies for the 1953 Christmas Offering and Good Cheer Fund is gratifying but not up to our expectations, which shows that many of our Sir Knights are reluctant to lend a helping hand to their less fortunate brothers.

Each Commander will recall the charge in his Installation: "You will distribute alms to the poor, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, bind the wounds of the afflicted and inculcate the duties of charity and hospitality." Each Commander has faithfully performed his duty with the amount donated by the Sir Knights of his Commandery, and they have sent in many fine comments which they received from the recipients, for the Christmas gifts made to them, showing that many feel that, although they may be bed-ridden or infirm, there is still a spirit of Christmas through the donations of the Sir Knights of their Commandery.

Forty-eight Commanderies contributed a total this year of $8,712.47 which is $385.33 less than last year, although we had an increase of 185 Sir Knights in our membership. Many Commanderies did not avail themselves of OFFICIAL ORDER No. 1, issued on November 2, 1953 — Annual Christmas and Good Cheer Offering — which is a direct appeal from the Grand Commander to the Sir Knights of our jurisdiction to contribute to this worthy cause.

> *"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."* — Galatians 6-10.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

1931	$5,768.24
1932	4,973.75
1933	4,436.65
1934	4,946.82
1935	4,088.37
1936	4,915.34
1937	4,798.91
1938	4,608.07
1939	4,386.23
1940	4,610.99
1941	4,588.35
1942	4,217.04
1943	4,715.01

$1944	5,732.60
1945	6,033.19
1946	6,699.20
1947	6,820.59
1948	7,253.27
1949	7,669.24
1950	7,912.75
1951	8,431.52
1952	9,097.80
1953	8,712.47
	$135,416.40

It is my order that this communication be read at the next Conclave following its receipt and spread upon the records.

Given under my hand and the Seal of this Grand Commandery on this first day of April, 1954, A.O. 836.

Courteously yours,

HARRIE M. TAFT
Grand Commander

ATTEST:
GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Grand Recorder.

August 5, 1954

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 4
SERIES 1953–1954

To the Grand Commandery Officers, Eminent Commanders and Recorders:

Sir Knights:

It is the unanimous opinion of your Tactics Committee that the following changes should be made in our Tactics on Pages 104 and 105. These changes are made to clarify the two words *IN TIERCE* and *IN QUARTE*.

CUTS OR PARRIES

In giving the cuts, first take the position of guard; keep the feet at right angles and look into the eyes of the Knight opposite, who should be two paces distant. The flats of the blades should be crossed about 10 inches from the points. The cuts should be given with spirit, the swords clashing sharply. The edge is away from the body at Carry Swords and the back is against the shoulder at Carry Swords.

(One) Raise and fully extend the arm, turning the hand *IN TIERCE* (back of hand up), the wrist well above the head, the edge of the sword *up*, the blade in prolongation of the arm, and engage the sword of the Knight opposite on the left side.

(Two) Disengage the sword by a circular movement left to right, the hand *IN QUARTE* (palm up), the edge of the sword down, the hand well above the head, and engage the sword of the Knight opposite on the right side, crossing the blades as before.

(Three) Disengage the sword by a circular movement right to left and downward, engage the sword of the Knight opposite on the left side, the hand *IN TIERCE* (back of hand up), the edge up, the blade in prolongation of the arm, and cross blades as before.

(Four) Come directly to the position of *PARRY* (first cut).

1. CARRY, 2. SWORDS. Resume the position of Carry Swords.

TO FORM ARCH OF STEEL

The Knights being formed in two lines, about two paces apart and facing inward, at Carry Swords.

FORM ARCH OF STEEL, 1. CROSS: 2. SWORDS.

(One) Execute Present Swords.

(Two) Turn on the left heel square to the left and plant the right foot about 12 inches to the front, feet at right angles, the weight resting mostly on the right foot, shoulders oblique to the front. At the same time Cross Swords with the Knight opposite, the flat of the blades together on the left side and crossing about 10 inches from the points, right hand *IN TIERCE* (back of hand up), the edge upward, the right arm fully extended, the wrist well above the head, the blade in prolongation of the arm. The left hand rests on and steadies the scabbard.

1. CARRY, 2. SWORDS. Resume the position of Carry Swords.

The above changes are to become effective upon receipt of this order.

Signed:

HARRIE M. TAFT, *Chairman, Grand Commander.*

ATTEST:
GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Grand Recorder.

NOTE: Stickers will be mailed when ready

OFFICIAL LETTER No. 1
SERIES 1953–1954

To Eminent Commanders:

At the close of this month (January) we will be half way through our membership statistical year. It will be well at this half way point to check up and find for Grand Commandery as a whole just where we stand insofar as net gains are concerned.

From our Commandery notices we pick off the number of new petitions each month and send out reports to every Commandery showing the relationship of new petitions to the "petition" quota. However, we know very little through the year as to losses due to demits and suspensions. At the close of the year we too often find that the losses exceed the number of knightings, with the result that we show a net loss in the membership of a Commandery.

For the purpose of helping you follow your membership trend for the rest of the year, I am assigning to each Commandery a "net gain" quota as per the list attached. After you determine your standing for the 5 months ending January 31, 1954, will you please follow the same procedure each month so that you will know how much of a net gain you can contribute to Grand Commandery during my year.

Please compute your membership standing below and return to me by February 15, 1954.

Courteously yours,

HARRIE M. TAFT, *Grand Commander.*

January 23, 1954

Harrie M. Taft, Grand Commander
20 Frankfort St., Providence 7, R. I.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS AS OF JANUARY 31, 1954

Total Membership as of August 31, 1953 ..... _____

Gains (5 months)		Losses (5 months)	
Knighted	.....	Deaths	.....
Affiliated	.....	Demits	.....
Reinstated	.....	Suspensions	.....
Total Gains	_____	Total Losses	_____

Net Gain or Net Loss _____

Total membership as of January 31, 1954 ..... _____

Signed..... .....
Recorder Commander

October 20, 1953

OFFICIAL LETTER No. 2
SERIES 1952–1953

To the Grand Commandery Officers, Eminent Commanders and Recorders:

Sir Knights:

At a special meeting of the Tactics Committee, it was unanimously voted to make the following changes in our Tactics on Pages 76, 78 and 81:

Page 76, after *line 5:*

CpGd: (dra swd) (commands) Tri Gd. Fall in: Right, Dress; Front: Count, Twos, Draw Swords, Twos Left, March; (Captain of the Guard marches on right of leading twos, and as West is reached), (commands) Column Right, March; (and when opposite base of Tri) Column Right, March; (and when three paces from Tri) Form Triangle, March.

Page 78, after *line 13:*

C.; (Rises, carries sword, and inquires), S Ks (S W and JW swd salute, C sword salute), whm———chge?

As Commander says "in chge" Knights at Triangle will arise and come to "carry swords."

Then S W will answer Pil Pen, ———hs Fth (SW and JW swd sal, C swd sal).

Page 81, after *line 16:*

When Wardens and Pilgrim have passed Junior Warden's station, on way to foot of lines, Knights designated *will remove Triangle* (preferably to a point near candidate's door) *and then snuff candles.*

Commander will stand fast until Triangle has been removed. SW and JW will stop about two paces from foot of lines.

The above changes are to become effective upon receipt of this Order.

Signed,

FREDERIC KENNEDY, *Chairman*
GEORGE A. WEEKS
CLARENCE R. DAVIS
JOSEPH E. BURT
EIGNAR RINGQUIST

NOTE: Stickers will be mailed when ready.

February 17, 1954

OFFICIAL LETTER No. 3
SERIES 1954–1955

RE: *EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE*

Greetings:

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America will conduct the 24th ANNUAL KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE in Arlington National Cemetery, located directly across the Potomac River in Virginia, opposite the District of Columbia on EASTER SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 18, 1954. The assembly in full Templar uniform will begin at 7:00 A.M. sharp at the West Gate of the Cemetery (near Ft. Myer). The lines will move promptly at 7:10 A.M. for the short march to the Amphitheatre.

The ceremony of laying the traditional Cross of Lilies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier will conclude the service. Music will be furnished by the U. S. Marine Band and arrangements are being made to have the service broadcast or televised on a nationwide network. The address on this occasion will be delivered by the Rev. E. Robert Chable, Eminent Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of New York.

A very cordial invitation is extended to you to participate and *the Committee especially requests that you give this invitation all possible publicity in your Commandery.* Reserved seats will be provided for those accompanying you, not in uniform, upon request.

After the service (about 9 A.M.) the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia will sponsor a breakfast at the Washington Hotel, 15th and F Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., for the Sir Knights and their ladies. Tickets for this breakfast are $2.00 each, and we shall be glad to furnish you with tickets if you will send your request to this Grand Commandery Office.

Our Grand Recorder, R.E. Sir George A. Weeks, will be happy to assist you in making room reservations, and he will obtain the breakfast tickets too, but he should be contacted as quickly as possible. Hotel reservations are at a premium, in Washington, during the Easter Holiday.

Grand Commandery Office will be pleased to render any assistance possible to you and your party.

Courteously yours,

HARRIE M. TAFT,
Grand Commander

HMT/df

ADDENDA

Precedence of Grand Commanderies Based Upon the Date of Their Respective Organizations

1. MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND ..... May 6, 1805
2. NEW YORK ..... June 18, 1814
3. VIRGINIA ..... Nov. 27, 1823
4. VERMONT ..... June 27, 1824
5. NEW HAMPSHIRE ..... June 13, 1826
6. CONNECTICUT ..... Sept. 13, 1827
7. OHIO ..... Oct. 24, 1843
8. KENTUCKY ..... Oct. 15, 1847
9. MAINE ..... May 5, 1852
10. PENNSYLVANIA ..... April 12, 1854
11. INDIANA ..... May 16, 1854
12. TEXAS ..... Jan. 18, 1855
13. MISSISSIPPI ..... Jan. 21, 1857
14. MICHIGAN ..... April 7, 1857
15. ILLINOIS ..... Oct. 27, 1857
16. CALIFORNIA ..... Aug. 10, 1858
17. TENNESSEE ..... Oct. 12, 1859
18. WISCONSIN ..... Oct. 20, 1859
19. NEW JERSEY ..... Feb. 14, 1860
20. GEORGIA ..... April 25, 1860
21. MISSOURI ..... May 22, 1860
22. ALABAMA ..... Nov. 29, 1860
23. LOUISIANA ..... Feb. 12, 1864
24. IOWA ..... June 6, 1864
25. MINNESOTA ..... Oct. 23, 1865
26. KANSAS ..... Dec. 29, 1868
27. MARYLAND ..... Jan. 23, 1871
28. NEBRASKA ..... Dec. 27, 1871
29. ARKANSAS ..... Mar. 23, 1872
30. WEST VIRGINIA ..... Feb. 25, 1874
31. COLORADO ..... Mar. 14, 1876
32. NORTH CAROLINA ..... May 10, 1881
33. SOUTH DAKOTA ..... May 14, 1884
34. OREGON ..... April 13, 1887
35. WASHINGTON ..... June 2, 1887
36. WYOMING ..... Mar. 7, 1888
37. MONTANA ..... May 14, 1888
38. NORTH DAKOTA ..... June 16, 1890
39. ARIZONA ..... Nov. 16, 1893
40. FLORIDA ..... Aug. 15, 1895
41. *INDIAN TERRITORY ..... Dec. 27, 1895
42. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ..... Jan. 14, 1896
43. *OKLAHOMA ..... Feb. 10, 1896
44. NEW MEXICO ..... Aug. 21, 1901
45. IDAHO ..... Aug. 31, 1904
46. SOUTH CAROLINA ..... Mar. 25, 1907
47. UTAH ..... April 20, 1910
48. NEVADA ..... April 15, 1918

(*Consolidated October 6, 1911, as the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma.)

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1952–1955

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Grand Commandery	Grand Recorder	Address
Alabama	C. H. Stubinger	Masonic Temple, Montgomery
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Illinois	Edwin D. Wade	53 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 4
Indiana	John T. Boyd	302 American Bank Bldg., Vincennes
Iowa	Clinton Kastner	Boone
Kansas	Arthur H. Strickland	320 W. 8th St., Topeka
Kentucky	Carl P. King	111 Cheapside, Lexington, Ky.
Louisiana	Lionel L. Lemarie	300 Masonic Temple, New Orleans 12
Maine	Convers E. Leach	Masonic Temple, Portland
Maryland	Charles H. Welden	Masonic Temple, Baltimore 1
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Michigan	John C. Condon	100 Portage Ave., Three Rivers
Minnesota	John H. Anderson	Masonic Temple, St. Paul 2
Mississippi	Sid F. Curtis	Masonic Temple, Meridian
Missouri	Ray V. Denslow	Trenton, P. O. Box 529
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South Dakota	Elvin F. Strain	Sioux Falls
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Utah	Bert Atwater	Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City
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Virginia	Charles Vernon Eddy	Winchester
Washington	Clifford L. Evans	817 American Bldg., Seattle, Wash.
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Wisconsin	Ward A. Rowbottom	259 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, Wis.
Wyoming	Edward J. Treglown	Box 1311, Casper, Wyo.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICIAL INSPECTIONS

Name of Commandery	No.	Members Present	Suite	Visitors	Total	Annual Dues	Life Membership	Date of Inspection	Official Mark	Name of Inspecting Officer
St. John's	1	179	60	31	270	$6.00	$120.00	Feb. 1, 1954	10 −	Dwight C. Page
Boston	2	342	40	18	400	10.00	150.00	Mar. 17, 1954	10 −	Dwight C. Page
Newburyport	3	136	40	22	198	10.00	150.00	Jan. 21, 1954	10 −	Dwight C. Page
Washington	4	41	33	5	79	7.00	90.00	May 19, 1954	9 +	Dwight C. Page
Worcester County	5	203	49	17	269	10.00	None	Apr. 1, 1954	10 −	Dwight C. Page
Springfield	6	125	25	15	165	10.00	150.00	Apr. 12, 1954	9 +	Dwight C. Page
De Molay	7	191	38	14	243	10.00	150.00	Nov. 25, 1953	10 −	Alfred C. Blake
Holy Sepulchre	8	155	44	10	209	7.00	105.00	Mar. 18, 1954	10 −	Alfred C. Blake
Pilgrim	9	86	28	29	143	10.00	165.00	Jan. 27, 1954	10 −	Alfred C. Blake
Palestine	10	57	18	6	81	10.00	150.00	Mar. 10, 1954	9 +	Alfred C. Blake
Milford	11	40	2	5	47	9.00	135.00	Apr. 27, 1954	9	Alfred C. Blake
St. Bernard	12	42	22	2	66	35.00	500.00	Feb. 10, 1954	10 −	Alfred C. Blake
Calvary	13	181	112	41	334	6.00	90.00	Mar. 16, 1954	10 −	Elliott N. Holley
Haverhill	14	173	25	17	215	8.00	120.00	Apr. 13, 1954	10 −	Elliott N. Holley
Old Colony	15	57	31	22	110	5.00	75.00	Mar. 22, 1954	9 +	Elliott N. Holley
Sutton	16	185	42	17	244	7.00	105.00	Dec. 3, 1953	10 −	Elliott N. Holley
Bethany	17	74	22	3	99	10.00	150.00	Jan. 25, 1954	9 +	Elliott N. Holley
Winslow Lewis	18	61	16	7	84	8.00	120.00	Feb. 18, 1954	9 +	Elliott N. Holley
Jerusalem	19	73	60	37	170	10.00	150.00	Mar. 18, 1954	10 −	Clarence E. Booth
Hugh De Payens	20	209	58	39	306	9.00	135.00	Apr. 14, 1954	10 −	Clarence E. Booth
St. Omer	21	114	31	25	170	8.00	120.00	Jan. 18, 1954	10 −	Clarence E. Booth
Berkshire	22	59	19	7	85	5.00	75.00	May 10, 1954	9 +	Clarence E. Booth
Connecticut Valley	23	66	47	33	146	7.50	75.00	Apr. 6, 1954	10 −	Clarence E. Booth
Woonsocket	24	62	24	10	96	5.00	75.00	May 11, 1954	9 +	Clarence E. Booth
Godfrey De Bouillon	25	51	29	1	81	7.00	150.00	Apr. 21, 1954	9	Raymond L. Hall
Joseph Warren	26	53	25	1	79	10.00	150.00	Dec. 7, 1953	9	Raymond L. Hall
Narragansett	27	66	29	10	105	5.00	75.00	Mar. 3, 1954	9 −	Raymond L. Hall
Bristol	29	78	35	16	129	6.00	90.00	May 7, 1954	9 +	Raymond L. Hall
Northampton	30	38	30	20	88	8.00	120.00	Feb. 15, 1954	10 −	Raymond L. Hall
South Shore	31	57	26	4	87	8.00	120.00	Mar. 25, 1954	9 +	Raymond L. Hall
Trinity	32	56	30	16	102	6.00	210.00	Feb. 17, 1954	10 −	William F. Clark
Natick	33	48	28	11	87	6.00	90.00	May 10, 1954	9	William F. Clark
Coeur De Lion	34	111	38	12	161	7.00	105.00	Apr. 20, 1954	10 −	William F. Clark
Gethsemane	35	146	37	23	206	10.00	150.00	Mar. 23, 1954	10 −	Mortimer W. Schroeder
Olivet	36	120	37	9	166	7.00	105.00	Dec. 10, 1953	9	William F. Clark
Athol	37	68	40	38	146	6.00	90.00	Mar. 10, 1954	9 +	William F. Clark
Bay State	38	149	49	9	207	7.00	175.00	Nov. 16, 1953	10 −	William F. Clark
Cyprus	39	36	22	1	59	7.00	105.00	Jan. 28, 1954	9 −	William F. Clark
St. Paul	40	67	62	19	148	10.00	150.00	May 14, 1954	9 +	Raymond D. Douglass
Beauseant	41	90	51	22	163	8.00	128.00	Mar. 1, 1954	10 −	Raymond D. Douglass
Cambridge	42	43	20	1	64	10.00	200.00	Apr. 27, 1954	9	Raymond D. Douglass
Bethlehem	43	74	46	22	142	10.00	150.00	Mar. 8, 1954	9 +	Raymond D. Douglass
Orange	45	47	39	18	104	6.00	None	Feb. 26, 1954	9 +	Raymond D. Douglass
Ivanhoe	46	134	43	27	204	7.85	105.00	Dec. 3, 1953	10 −	Raymond D. Douglass
Quincy	47	98	32	9	139	10.00	150.00	Apr. 26, 1954	9 −	William F. West
Temple	48	47	32	8	87	6.00	120.00	May 13, 1954	9 −	William F. West
St. Andrew	49	55	38	20	113	7.00	150.00	Mar. 15, 1954	10 −	William F. West
Reading	50	82	30	21	133	9.00	135.00	Jan. 11, 1954	10 −	William F. West
Thomas Smith Webb	51	53	48	4	105	10.00	150.00	Nov. 20, 1953	9 +	William F. West
Sir Galahad	52	45	19	0	64	8.00	120.00	May 17, 1954	9 +	William F. West
Total	1954	4,823	1,801	774	7,398					
	1953	4,965	1,476	634	7,075					
Comparison with last year		−142	+325	+140	+323					

CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

Name of Commandery	No.	Location of Commandery	Date of Charter	Stated Conclave	Election of Officers	Annual Conclave	Installation
St. Johns	1	Providence, R. I.	Oct. 7, 1805	1st Mon.	June	Oct.	Oct.
Boston	2	Boston, Mass.	Mar. 3, 1806	3rd Wed.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Newburyport	3	Newburyport, Mass.	May 19, 1808	3rd Thurs.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Washington	4	Newport, R. I.	June 7, 1814	3rd Wed.	June	June	June
Worcester County	5	Worcester, Mass.	Dec. 17, 1824	1st Thurs.	June	June	June
Springfield	6	Springfield, Mass.	June 19, 1826	1st Mon.	June	June	June
De Molay	7	Boston, Mass.	Oct. 10, 1848	4th Wed.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Holy Sepulchre	8	Pawtucket, R. I.	Oct. 10, 1848	3rd Fri.	June	June	June
Pilgrim	9	Lowell, Mass.	Oct. 10, 1855	4th Wed.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Palestine	10	Chelsea, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	2nd Wed.	May	May	May
Milford	11	Milford, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	4th Tues.	June	June	June
St. Bernard	12	Boston, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	2nd Wed.	May	May	May
Calvary	13	Providence, R. I.	May 22, 1860	3rd Tues.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Haverhill	14	Haverhill, Mass.	May 13, 1863	2nd Tues.	June	June	June
Old Colony	15	Abington, Mass.	Oct. 26, 1863	4th Mon.	June	June	Sept.
Sutton	16	New Bedford, Mass.	Mar. 4, 1864	1st Thurs.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Bethany	17	Lawrence, Mass.	June 1, 1864	Last Mon.	May	May	Sept.
Winslow Lewis	18	Salem, Mass.	Mar. 3, 1865	3rd Thurs.	June	Oct.	Oct.
Jerusalem	19	Fitchburg, Mass.	Mar. 8, 1865	3rd Thurs.	June	June	Sept.
Hugh de Payens	20	Melrose, Mass.	Mar. 27, 1865	2nd Wed.	June	Sept.	Sept.
St. Omer	21	Dorchester, Mass.	Sept. 30, 1865	3rd Mon.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Berkshire	22	Pittsfield, Mass.	Dec. 22, 1865	2nd Mon.	June	June	June
Connecticut Valley	23	Greenfield, Mass.	May 22, 1866	1st Tues.	June	June	June
Woonsocket	24	Woonsocket, R. I.	Jan. 31, 1867	2nd Tues.	June	June	June
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Fall River, Mass.	May 29, 1868	3rd Wed.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Joseph Warren	26	Roxbury, Mass.	Jan. 1, 1869	1st Mon.	June	June	June
Narragansett	27	Westerly, R. I.	May 12, 1869	1st Wed.	June	June	Oct.
William Parkman	28	East Boston, Mass.	Consolidated with Boston Commandery Feb. 21, 1940				
Bristol	29	Attleboro, Mass.	May 28, 1870	1st Fri.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Northampton	30	Northampton, Mass.	June 2, 1870	2nd Mon.	June	June	June
South Shore	31	E. Weymouth, Mass.	June 9, 1870	4th Thurs.	June	June	Sept.
Trinity	32	Hudson, Mass.	Apr. 7, 1871	3rd Wed.	June	June	Sept.
Natick	33	Natick, Mass.	Apr. 12, 1871	2nd Mon.	June	June	Oct.
Coeur de Lion	34	Charlestown, Mass.	Oct. 14, 1871	3rd Tues.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Gethsemane	35	Newtonville, Mass.	May 20, 1872	4th Tues.	June	June	June
Olivet	36	Lynn, Mass.	Mar. 13, 1873	1st Wed.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.
Athol	37	Athol, Mass.	June 7, 1873	2nd Wed.	June	June	June
Bay State	38	Brockton, Mass.	Sept. 13, 1873	3rd Mon.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Cyprus	39	Hyde Park, Mass.	Oct. 31, 1873	4th Thurs.	May	Sept.	Sept.
St. Paul	40	North Adams, Mass.	Jan. 19, 1882	2nd Fri.	June	June	June
Beauseant	41	Malden, Mass.	Oct. 20, 1886	4th Mon.	June	June	June
Cambridge	42	Cambridge, Mass.	May 28, 1890	4th Tues.	June	June	Sept.
Bethlehem	43	Gloucester, Mass.	Oct. 29, 1890	2nd Mon.	June	Sept.	Sept.
St. George	44	Beverly, Mass.	Charter arrested July 17, 1945				
Orange	45	Orange, Mass.	Oct. 26, 1893	Last Fri.	June	June	June
Ivanhoe	46	Gardner, Mass.	Oct. 31, 1896	1st Thurs.	June	June	June
Quincy	47	Quincy, Mass.	Feb. 20, 1911	4th Mon.	June	June	June
Temple	48	Norwood, Mass.	Oct. 22, 1919	2nd Thurs.	June	Sept.	Sept.
St. Andrew	49	Holyoke, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1920	3rd Mon.	June	June	Sept.
Reading	50	Reading, Mass.	Jan. 14, 1921	2nd Mon.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Thomas Smith Webb	51	Cranston, R. I.	May 6, 1921	3rd Fri.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Sir Galahad	52	Waltham, Mass.	May 31, 1922	3rd Mon.	June	June	Sept.
Winthrop	53	Winthrop, Mass.	Consolidated with Boston Commandery Feb. 20, 1952				

GRAND COMMANDERY MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Name of Commandery	Number	Membership Last Year	Membership This Year	Admitted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Dimitted	Suspended	Errors	Died	Fees at $5.00	Per Capita at 85½¢	Total
St. John's	1	707	703	20	0	1	3	1	0	21	$100	$601.07	$701.07
Boston	2	1203	1218	46	2	3	6	5	0	25	230	1,041.39	1,271.39
Newburyport	3	257	266	18	0	1	1	2	0	7	90	227.43	317.43
Washington	4	122	121	4	0	0	0	1	−1	3	20	103.46	123.46
Worcester County	5	703	710	21	0	0	4	0	0	10	105	607.05	712.05
Springfield	6	534	521	15	0	1	6	1	0	22	75	445.45	520.45
De Molay	7	693	705	52	1	1	2	11	−7	22	260	602.78	862.78
Holy Sepulchre	8	388	377	6	0	0	2	1	−2	12	30	322.34	352.34
Pilgrim	9	343	323	3	0	0	1	4	0	18	15	276.17	291.17
Palestine	10	205	209	14	1	1	3	6	0	3	70	178.70	248.70
Milford	11	159	161	11	0	0	2	4	0	3	55	137.65	192.65
St. Bernard	12	92	96	6	1	0	0	0	0	3	30	82.08	112.08
Calvary	13	667	675	30	0	1	0	0	0	23	150	577.13	727.13
Haverhill	14	354	374	31	1	2	0	0	0	14	155	319.77	474.77
Old Colony	15	169	182	14	0	0	0	0	0	1	70	155.61	225.61
Sutton	16	470	469	12	0	1	0	5	0	9	60	401.00	461.00
Bethany	17	155	152	8	0	1	4	1	0	7	40	129.96	169.96
Winslow Lewis	18	189	189	7	0	0	2	0	0	5	35	161.60	196.60
Jerusalem	19	256	265	23	2	1	4	1	0	12	115	226.58	341.58
Hugh de Payens	20	532	574	52	4	0	4	0	0	10	260	490.77	750.77
St. Omer	21	328	310	5	1	0	3	5	0	16	25	265.05	290.05
Berkshire	22	226	227	10	0	0	2	0	0	7	50	194.09	244.09
Connecticut Valley	23	146	160	19	0	0	0	1	0	4	95	136.80	231.80
Woonsocket	24	149	156	13	0	0	4	0	0	2	65	133.38	198.38
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	114	110	4	0	1	0	2	0	7	20	94.05	114.05
Joseph Warren	26	188	185	7	0	0	1	1	0	8	35	158.18	193.18
Narragansett	27	184	185	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	25	158.18	183.18
Bristol	29	237	245	10	1	0	0	0	0	3	50	209.48	259.48
Northampton	30	109	111	7	0	1	3	0	0	3	35	94.91	129.91
South Shore	31	134	140	8	0	1	1	0	0	2	40	119.70	159.70
Trinity	32	202	196	8	0	0	1	3	0	10	40	167.58	207.58
Natick	33	129	150	23	1	0	1	0	0	2	115	128.25	243.25
Coeur de Lion	34	337	328	6	1	0	3	0	0	13	30	280.44	310.44
Gethsemane	35	445	445	15	2	2	6	5	0	8	75	380.48	455.48
Olivet	36	422	429	29	0	0	5	7	0	10	145	366.80	511.80
Athol	37	128	121	1	0	0	3	1	0	4	5	103.46	108.46
Bay State	38	406	395	9	0	0	2	2	0	16	45	337.73	382.73
Cyprus	39	112	116	7	0	1	0	0	0	4	35	99.18	134.18
St. Paul	40	117	117	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	15	100.04	115.04
Beauseant	41	316	312	14	0	1	0	1	0	18	70	266.76	336.76
Cambridge	42	154	161	11	0	0	1	0	0	3	55	137.66	192.66
Bethlehem	43	151	152	9	0	0	3	0	0	5	45	129.96	174.96
Orange	45	71	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	—	59.00	59.00
Ivanhoe	46	230	232	6	0	0	1	1	0	2	30	198.36	228.36
Quincy	47	307	293	6	1	0	11	3	0	7	30	250.52	280.52
Temple	48	181	189	16	0	1	2	1	0	6	80	161.60	241.60
St. Andrew	49	123	129	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	35	110.30	145.30
Reading	50	266	273	11	3	1	5	1	0	2	55	233.42	288.42
Thomas Smith Webb	51	165	167	8	0	0	2	1	0	3	40	142.78	182.78
Sir Galahad	52	182	179	6	0	1	4	0	−2	4	30	153.05	183.05
Total		14457	14572	676	22	24	109	78	−12	408	$3,380	$12,459.18	$15,839.18
Net Gain		+115											

ADDRESSES OF
RECORDERS OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

Commandery	No.	Recorder	Address
St. Johns	1	Harold M. Arnold	R.F.D. No. 1, North Scituate, R. I.
Boston	2	Harold A. Budreau	Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.
Newburyport	3	William H. Carter	10 Columbus Ave., Newburyport, Mass.
Washington	4	Raymond E. Crowell	36 Norman St., Newport, R. I.
Worcester County	5	Walter B. Taylor	70 Moore Ave., Worcester, Mass.
Springfield	6	Harold Gaylord Ransom	111 Woodlawn Pl., Long Meadow, Mass.
DeMolay	7	Chester G. Parsons	25 Cavanaugh Rd., Wellesley, Mass.
Holy Sepulchre	8	Ralph Simpson	9 Leicester Way, Pawtucket, R. I.
Pilgrim	9	Arthur E. Dyar	269 Beacon St., Lowell, Mass.
Palestine	10	George P. LeGrow	74 Summit St., Peabody, Mass.
Milford	11	Edward S. Holbrook	Holliston, Mass.
St. Bernard	12	Harry L. Wiggin	171 Perkins St., Melrose 76, Mass.
Calvary	13	Charles H. Leffingwell	131 Alexander St., Cranston, R. I.
Haverhill	14	Carl H. Webster	P. O. Box 146, Haverhill, Mass.
Old Colony	15	Albert W. Johnson	596 Washington St., Abington, Mass.
Sutton	16	Harry A. Chace	P. O. Box 105, New Bedford, Mass.
Bethany	17	Fred M. Barr	1076 Essex St., Lawrence, Mass.
Winslow Lewis	18	Lawrence B. Folsom	37 Dearborn St., Salem, Mass.
Jerusalem	19	Harvey H. Goodwin	32 Washington St., Leominster, Mass.
Hugh de Payens	20	Donald H. Hatheway	90 Walton Park, Melrose, Mass.
St. Omer	21	George A. Weeks	40 Glen St., Melrose, Mass.
Berkshire	22	George W. Harding	R.F.D. Bradley Park, Lee, Mass.
Connecticut Valley	23	Clifford H. Thayer	228 Conway St., Greenfield, Mass.
Woonsocket	24	George L. Dicks	116 Hemond St., Woonsocket, R. I.
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Warren P. Hathaway	P. O. Box 1615, Fall River, Mass.
Joseph Warren	26	Percy Lantz	16 Helena Road, Dorchester 22, Mass.
Narragansett	27	Donald W. Kenneth	118 Beach St., Westerly, R. I.
Bristol	29	Howard S. Newell	355 Mt. Hope St., Attleboro Falls, Mass.
Northampton	30	Ledyard A. Southard	35 Stillson Ave., Florence, Mass.
South Shore	31	William H. Crosby	24 Cotton Ave., East Braintree 84, Mass
Trinity	32	William A. Manson	28 Lincoln St., Hudson, Mass.
Natick	33	Rodney S. Adams	232 Manning St., Needham, Mass.
Coeur de Lion	34	Carroll H. Tiffany	22 Bellevue St., Medford 55, Mass.
Gethsemane	35	Chester A. Cleveland	40 Chaske Ave., Auburndale 66, Mass.
Olivet	36	Harry A. Hemingway	51 Philips Ave., E. Lynn, Mass.
Athol	37	George E. Engle	64 Prospect St., Athol, Mass.
Bay State	38	Lawrence C. Clark	551 Ash St., Brockton, Mass.
Cyprus	39	Walter E. Hawley	117 Beacon St., Hyde Park 36, Mass.
St. Paul	40	David T. Williams	358 West Main St., North Adams, Mass
Beauseant	41	Charles W. Gurdy	63 Winslow St., Everett 49, Mass.
Cambridge	42	Irving C. Langley	580 School St., Belmont 78, Mass.
Bethlehem	43	Earle T. Merchant	19 Bass Ave., Gloucester, Mass.
Orange	45	Joseph Prentiss	71 W. River St., Orange, Mass.
Ivanhoe	46	LeRoy M. Giddings	3 E.Broadway, Gardner, Mass.
Quincy	47	Herbert Y. Follett	1 Grandview Ave., Wollaston 70, Mass.
Temple	48	George M. Ellis	575 High St., Westwood, Mass.
St. Andrew	49	Arvin C. M. French	148 Pearl St., Holyoke, Mass.
Reading	50	William T. Freeman	26 Knollwood Rd., Reading, Mass.
Thomas Smith Webb	51	Alfred E. Grant	68 Glenview Ave., Cranston, R. I.
Sir Galahad	52	Raymond C. Ellis	51 Franklin St., Watertown, Mass.

Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Term of Office	Grand Commander	Member of Commandery	No.	Term of Office	Grand Commander	Member of Commandery	No.
1805–1818	*Thomas Smith Webb	St. Johns	1	1904–1905	*Dana J. Flanders	Haverhill	14
1818–1820	*William Wilkinson	" "	1	1905–1906	*Edwin A. Blodgett	Springfield	6
1820–1826	*Henry Fowle	Boston	2	1906–1907	*E. Bentley Young	Joseph Warren	26
1826–1829	*John Carlile	St. Johns	1	1907–1908	*Charles I. Litchfield	Boston	2
1829–1832	*John J. Loring	Boston	2	1908–1909	*John D. Munroe	Godfrey de Bouillon	25
1832–1833	*Robert Lash	"	2	1909–1910	*Walter W. Burnham	St. Johns	1
1833–1835	*Edward A. Raymond	"	2	1910–1911	*J. Albert Blake	Winslow Lewis	18
1835–1837	*Abraham A. Dame	"	2	1911–1912	*Lafayette G. Blair	Cambridge	42
1837–1839	*John Hews	"	2	1912–1913	*Frank L. Nagle	Gethsemane	35
1839–1842	*Charles W. Moore	"	2	1913–1914	*William W. Johnson	Worcester County	5
1842–1845	*John Flint	"	2	1914–1915	*Walter F. Medding	Beauseant	41
1845–1847	*John B. Hammatt	"	2	1915–1916	*Frederick I. Dana	Calvary	13
1847–1848	*Ruel Baker	"	2	1916–1917	*Samuel D. Sherwood	Springfield	6
1848–1851	*John R. Bradford	Holy Sepulchre	8	1917–1918	*William H. Emerson	Bay State	38
1851–1854	*James Hutchison	De Molay	7	1918–1919	*William J. Bolton	Athol	37
1854–1856	*Simon W. Robinson	Boston	2	1919–1920	*Everett C. Benton	St. Bernard	12
1856–1858	*Daniel Harwood	"	2	1920–1921	Harry G. Pollard	Pilgrim	9
1858–1860	*Winslow Lewis	"	1	1921–1922	*Henry C. Dexter	Holy Sepulchre	8
1860–1862	*William Field	St. Johns	2	1922–1923	*James S. Blake	Boston	2
1862–1863	*William Ellison	Boston	9	1923–1924	*Asa C. Jewett	Sutton	16
1863–1865	*William S. Gardner	Pilgrim	1	1924–1925	*Clarence M. Dunbar	Gethsemane	35
1865–1867	*Rev. Charles H. Titus	St. Johns	12	1925–1926	James A. Gunn	Bristol	29
1867–1869	*William W. Baker	St. Bernard	21	1926–1927	*Norris G. Abbott	Connecticut Valley	23
1869–1871	*Benjamin Dean	St. Omer	13	1927–1928	Clarence E. Burleigh	St. Johns	1
1871–1873	*Nicholas Van Slyck	Calvary	9	1928–1929	*Charles F. White	De Molay	7
1873–1875	*Charles A. Stott	Pilgrim	1	1929–1930	*Frederick H. Briggs	Beauseant	41
1875–1877	*Rev. Henry W. Rugg	St. Johns	5	1930–1931	Benjamin F. Downing	Boston	2
1877–1879	*Nelson W. Aldrich	Worcester County	13	1931–1932	*George L. Dodd	Washington	4
1879–1880	*William H. Kent	Calvary	34	1932–1933	William S. Hamilton	Joseph Warren	26
1880–1882	*Caleb Saunders	Coeur de Lion	17	1933–1934	*Arthur S. Vaughn	St. Paul	40
1882–1884	*Charles C. Hutchinson	Bethany	9	1934–1935	Harold W. Sprague	St. Johns	1
1884–1885	*George H. Burnham	Pilgrim	1	1935–1936	*Charles T. Converse	Bay State	38
1885–1886	*Edward P. Chapin	St. Johns	6	1936–1937	*George T. Everett	Springfield	6
1886–1887	*George H. Allen	Springfield	36	1937–1937	Adelbert E. Place	De Molay	7
1887–1888	*Edward L. Freeman	Olivet	8	1937–1938	Harrison Hyslop	Calvary	13
1888–1889	*James Swords	Holy Sepulchre	20	1938–1939	*Arthur A. A. Stewart	Gethsemane	35
1889–1890	*John P. Sanborn	Hugh de Payens	4	1939–1940	*John E. Rines	Pilgrim	9
1890–1891	*Robert H. Chamberlain	Washington	5	1940–1941	*Arlan M. Spencer	Haverhill	14
1891–1892	*William H. H. Soule	Worcester County	21	1941–1942	*William O. Tuckerman	Orange	45
1892–1893	*Charles C. Pry	St. Omer	36	1942–1943	George B. Sampson	Cyprus	39
1893–1894	*Samuel C. Lawrence	Olivet	2	1943–1944	*C. Lester Marston	St. Andrew	49
1894–1895	*Eugene H. Richards	Boston	2	1944–1945	Frank H. Wilson	Coeur de Lion	34
1895–1896	*William R. Walker	Boston	8	1945–1946	Harold S. Crocker	Hugh de Pyens	20
1896–1897	*Walter Cutting	Holy Sepulchre	22	1946–1947	George A. Weeks	Bay State	38
1897–1898	*George L. Shepley	Berkshire	1	1947–1948	A. Kenneth Martin	St. Omer	21
1898–1899	*Herbert F. Morse	St. Johns	26	1948–1949	Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.	South Shore	31
1899–1900	*Winthrop Messenger	Joseph Warren	20	1949–1950	*J. Herbert Hinds	Boston	2
1900–1901	*George E. Hilton	Hugh de Payens	36	1950–1951	Charles F. Fairbanks 2nd	Quincy	47
1901–1902	*George H. Kenyon	Olivet	13	1951–1952	Frederic Kennedy	Pilgrim	9
1902–1903	*Freeman C. Hersey	Calvary	18	1952–1953	Harrie M. Taft	Natick	33
1903–1904		Winslow Lewis		1953–1954		Calvary	13

*Died.

THE AMERICAN ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment

	Names	Years	Residence	Died
1	DeWitt Clinton	1816-1828	New York, N. Y.	Feb. 11, 1828
2	Jonathan Nye	1829-1834	Claremont, N. H.	April 1, 1843
3	James Madison Allen	1835-1844	Cayuga, N. Y.	.....
4	Archibald Bull	1844-1846	Troy, N. Y.	Dec. 22, 1865
5	William B. Hubbard	1847-1858	Columbus, Ohio	Jan. 5, 1866
6	Benjamin B. French	1859-1864	Washington, D. C.	Aug. 12, 1870
7	Henry L. Palmer	1865-1867	Milwaukee, Wis.	May 7, 1909
8	William Sewell Gardner	1868-1870	Newton, Mass.	Oct. 14, 1887
9	John Q. A. Fellows	1871-1873	New Orleans, La.	Nov. 28, 1897
10	James H. Hopkins	1874-1876	Pittsburgh, Pa.	June 18, 1904
11	Vincent L. Hurlbut	1877-1879	Chicago, Ill.	July 24, 1896
12	Benjamin Dean	1880-1882	Boston, Mass.	April 9, 1897
13	Robert E. Withers	1883-1885	Wytheville, Va.	Sept. 21, 1907
14	Charles Roome	1886-1889	New York	June 28, 1890
15	John P. S. Gobin	1889-1892	Lebanon, Pa.	May 1, 1910
16	Hugh McCurdy	1892-1895	Corunna, Mich.	July 16, 1908
17	Warren LaRue Thomas	1895-1898	Maysville, Ky.	Nov. 23, 1914
18	Reuben Hedly Lloyd	1898-1901	San Francisco, Cal.	Mar. 10, 1909
19	Henry Bates Stoddard	1901-1904	Bryan, Texas	May 29, 1925
20	Geo. Mayhew Moulton	1904-1907	Chicago, Illinois	July 24, 1927
21	Henry Warren Rugg	1907-1910	Providence, R. I.	July 21, 1910
22	Wm. Bromwell Melish	1910-1913	Cincinnati, Ohio	Oct. 21, 1927
23	Arthur MacArthur	1913-1914	Troy, New York	Dec. 27, 1914
24	Lee S. Smith	1914-1919	Pittsburgh, Pa.	April 6, 1926
25	Joseph K. Orr	1919-1922	Atlanta, Georgia	Sept. 18, 1938
26	Leonidas P. Newby	1922-1925	Knightstown, Ind.	Oct. 25, 1945
27	George W. Vallery	1925-1928	Denver, Colo.	Dec. 29, 1933
28	William L. Sharp	1928-1931	Chicago, Ill.	Dec. 22, 1950
29	Perry W. Weidner	1931-1932	Los Angeles, Cal.	Aug. 16, 1932
30	Harry C. Walker	1932-1932	Binghamton, N. Y.	Nov. 2, 1932
31	Andrew D. Agnew	1932-1937	Milwaukee, Wis.	Dec. 20, 1951
32	Mark Norris	1937-1940	Grand Rapids, Mich.	May 31, 1943
33	Harry G. Pollard	1940-1943	Lowell, Mass.	.....
34	Charles Noah Orr	1943-1946	St. Paul, Minn.	Jan. 10, 1949
35	John Temple Rice	1946-1949	El Paso, Texas	.....
36	Robert Brainerd Gaylord	1949-1952	San Francisco, Cal.	Aug. 4, 1953
37	William Catron Gordon	1952-	Marshall, Mo.	.....

Representatives of Grand Commanderies to and from Massachusetts and Rhode Island

From Mass. and R. I.	P. O. Address	Grand Commanderies	To Mass. and R. I.	P. O. Address
Velmar A. Meadows	Opelika, Ala.	Alabama	E. Sir William Turner	Holyoke, Mass.
Herbert W. Edwards	Bisbee	Arizona	R. E. Sir Frederic Kennedy	Wellesley, Mass.
George R. Crosley	El Dorado	Arkansas	E. Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder	Everett, Mass.
James F. Dougan	Long Beach	California	R. E. Sir Clarence E. Burleigh	Pasadena, Calif.
Earl W. Spencer	Pueblo	Colorado	E. Sir Robert E. Powell	Needham, Mass.
Archibald G. Prisk	Yalesville, Conn.	Connecticut	E. Sir Harold A. Budreau	Winthrop, Mass.
Percy W. Jones	Washington	District of Columbia	R. E. Sir Harold S. Crocker	Brockton, Mass.
John B. Phelps	Miami	Florida	E. Sir Harry P. Kenison	Boston, Mass.
Bolling S. DuBose	Athens	Georgia	R. E. Sir James R. Hooper	Dedham, Mass.
Merton Winegar	Moscow	Idaho	R. E. Sir Charles F. Fairbanks, 2nd	Lowell, Mass.
Stuart E. Pierson	Carrollton	Illinois	E. Sir William C. McCormick	Cranston, R. I.
Paul G. Smiley	Washington	Indiana	E. Sir Frank B. Ells	Boston, Mass.
Carl W. Reed	Cresco	Iowa	E. Sir Prescott W. Eaton	Newbury, Mass.
Stanley J. Kirke	Wichita	Kansas	E. Sir Richard E. Goff	Pawtucket, R. I.
Walter A. Tillett	Danville	Kentucky	E. Sir Harold L. Burr	Needham, Mass.
H. S. Weston	Shreveport	Louisiana	E. Sir William S. Cooper	Medford, Mass.
Albert E. Anderson	Portland	Maine	R. E. Sir William S. Hamilton	Williamstown, Mass.
Frank F. Smith, Sr.	Silver Springs	Maryland	E. Sir W. Howard Mills	Hingham, Mass.
Frank G. Millard	Flint	Michigan	E. Sir William F. Clarke	Watertown, Mass.
Herbert E. Doering	New Ulm	Minnesota	E. Sir Thomas A. Booth	New Bedford, Mass.
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William C. Gordon	Marshall	Missouri	M. E. Sir Harry G. Pollard	Lowell, Mass.
Richard Richardson	Deer Lodge	Montana	E. Sir Alfred C. Blake	Boston, Mass.
Dwight W. Porter	Broken Bow	Nebraska	E. Sir Herbert F. Sawyer	Boston, Mass.
William R. Overfelt	McGill	Nevada	E. Sir Alexander Campbell	So. Boston, Mass.
Ray E. Follansbee	Manchester, N. H.	New Hampshire	R. E. Sir John E. Rines	Winchester, Mass.
Louis H. Budd	Newton	New Jersey	R. E. Sir Robert G. Wilson, Jr.	Boston, Mass.
Herbert C. Denny	Gallup	New Mexico	R. E. Sir Benjamin F. Downing	Newport, R. I.
William H. Hardick	Queens Village	New York	R. E. Sir Frank H. Wilson	Melrose, Mass.
Andrew S. Melvin	Gastonia	North Carolina	E. Sir James B. Henry	Providence, R. I.
Robert R. Dollahan	Grand Forks	North Dakota	E. Sir William H. Evans	Brockton, Mass.
William R. Kirby	Cincinnati	Ohio	R. E. George A. Weeks	Melrose, Mass.
William A. Perry	Okmulgee	Oklahoma	E. Sir Everett B. Byles	Edgewood, R. I.
Rufus E. Detrick	Ashland	Oregon	E. Sir George Ringchrist	Longmeadow, Mass.
T. Stuart Drake	Easton	Pennsylvania	R. E. A. Kenneth Martin	S. Weymouth, Mass
Jesse T. Anderson	Florence	South Carolina	E. Sir N. Russell Lynn	Medford Hill, Mass
George F. Westover	Pierre	South Dakota	E. Sir Herbert Y. Follett	Wollaston, Mass.
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THE ANCIENT ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

The 9 Knights who organized the Order in 1118 A.D.

Hugh de Payens	Payens de Montidier
Godfrey de Saint Aldemar	Archibald de Saint Aman
Roral	Andre de Montbar
Gundemar	Count of Provence
Godfrey Bisol	

Grand Masters from Its Origin to the Death of De Molay

	A.D.		A.D.
1 Hugh de Payens	1118	14 Philip de Plessis	1201
2 Robert of Burgundy	1139	15 William de Carnota	1217
3 Everard de Barri	1147	16 Peter de Montagu	1218
4 Bernard de Trenellape	1151	17 Armand de Petragrossa	1229
5 Bertrand de Blanchefort	1154	18 Herman de Petragrorius	1237
6 Andrew de Montbar	1165	19 William de Rupefort	1244
7 Philip of Naplus	1169	20 William de Sonnac	1247
8 Odo de St. Amand	1171	21 Reginald Vichierius	1250
9 Arnold de Troye	1180	22 Thomas Beraud	1257
10 John Terricus	1185	23 William de Beaujeau	1274
11 Gerard Ridefort	1187	24 Rheobald Gaudinius	1291
12 Robert Sablaeus	1191	25 Jacques de Molay	1298
13 Robert Gralius	1196	De Molay died in 1314.	

CHRONOLOGY—YORK RITE

The following dates are adopted by the various bodies of Masonry. Dates are carried out for the year 1954.

Ancient Craft Masons date from the creation of the world, B. C. 4000, calling it *Anno Lucis* (Year of Light). Hence add 4000 to common time. A. D. 1954 = A. L. 5954.

Royal Arch Masons date from the beginning of the building of the Second Temple by Zerubbabel, B. C. 530, calling it *Anno Inventionis* (Year of Discovery). Hence add 530 to common time. A. D.1954 = A. I. 2484.

Royal and Select Masters refer to the completion of the First Temple, B. C. 1000, calling it *Anno Depositionis* (Year of the Deposit). Hence add 1000 to common time. A. D. 1954 = A. Dep. 2954.

Knights Templar date from the founding of the Order, A. D. 1118, calling it *Anno Ordinis*. Hence subtract 1118 from common time. A. D. 1954 = A. O. 836.

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Annual Conclave will be held in Providence, R. I.
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